



2020 Young Voice Reimagined

Summary: Due to constraints of COVID 19, Pikes Peak Opera League will present the former PPOL Young Voice Competition held annually as 2020 Young Voice Reimagined, a virtual online performance opportunity for high school aged vocalists in November of this year.

Purpose: Much like the League's Young Voice Competition, this year's Young Voice Reimagined is looked upon as encouragement for young singers from southern Colorado, who wish to carry on the tradition of fine singing, as they gain recognition and experience.

Criteria: The following describes criteria of this year's PPOL program to honor promising young vocalists in the Pikes Peak Region:

- Young Voice Reimagined is only for high school aged singers recommended by a voice or choral teacher.
- Singers will submit an Application via email. There will be no application fee.
- Once the singer is notified of his or her acceptance, PPOL requires a video recording of his or her singing, according to the Rules as seen below. The complete 2020 Young Voice Reimagined Rules will also be posted on the PPOL web site.
- The video must be uploaded to the singer's You Tube account with a video link emailed to PPOL. The video is not to exceed a total of six minutes for both (2) songs. Make sure the lighting and sound are complimentary.
- PPOL will not provide an accompanist for this Young Voice Reimagined effort.
- Two professional Judges named shortly will have access to view the singers' videos via the video links provided in order to evaluate all applicant videos on You Tube.
- Judges will provide detailed written comments to each singer for their future benefit.
- The Judges will also be tasked with choosing up to eight singers who will become 2020 Young Voice Reimagined Finalists.
- There will be no formal judging naming the top three winners. Instead, all of the up to eight Finalists will receive an equal monetary gift from PPOL of \$100 each for being a Finalist in 2020 Young Voice Reimagined.
- The same videos of the up to eight Finalists will comprise an online "2020 Young Voice Concert" with video links embedded on the Pikes Peak Opera League's website for public viewing.
- PPOL members as well as family, friends and teachers of the singers are encouraged to view the Finals Concert.

Important Dates & Application Details/Requirements:

Please note that dates are set to give singers enough time to apply, to create and upload a video recording and the Judges sufficient time to view all videos, and to complete their written comments. Please do not be late in submitting Applications and/or videos.

1. Applications: Due no later than Friday, October 9, 2020. Email them to 2020 Young Voice Reimagined Co-chair, Susan Loring at sloring55@gmail.com, phone is 719-290-6738.

2. Acceptance: By Monday, October 12, all applicants will be notified of their acceptance.

3. Videos: By Monday, October 26 accepted singers must upload their video to their own You Tube account. Please see important instructions as follows and remember to email the video link of your video to Susan Loring.

* Please announce clearly the name of each song/aria, work it is from and composer.

* Videos may be recorded on your phone, tablet or video recorder.

* Do NOT make videos “private” as the Judges will NOT be able to view them.

* Please make your video submission either “unlisted” or “public.”

* Please make sure the toggle for video embedding is turned ON.

* All applicants must have comments DISABLED.

* On Monday, October 26, email the video link to Susan Loring at sloring55@gmail.com

4. Judges: By Tuesday, October 27, Judges will begin viewing videos and write constructive comments. They will choose up to eight Finalists by Friday, November 6. Note: You will receive the Judges remarks soon after the event has ended.

5. Finalists: By Monday, November 9, all singers will be notified if they have been chosen as a Finalist or not.

5. Online Concert: Starting on Friday, November 15, the 2020 Young Voice Reimagined Finalists’ names and video links will be posted on Pikes Peak Opera League’s web site at www.pikespeakopera.org for public viewing.

RULES & REGULATIONS

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must be registered in high school or be at that level while being home-schooled.

Performers in 2020 Young Voice Reimagined shall perform from lawful music editions and support, obey all copyright laws and policy.

Application Process:

Email 2020 Application to Susan Loring at sloring55@gmail.com. If accepted, email her the video link to singer's uploaded video (on You Tube). Applications are available online at pikespeakoperaleague.org under "Young Voice Reimagined." Questions? Email Susan Loring.

Applications must include:

2020 Application Form (found on the PPOL website) to include teacher's signature. If accepted, the video link of uploaded You Tube video of applicant's singing, six minutes or less for two song.

Repertoire:

Singers must present **TWO (2) contrasting songs/aria** selected from **TWO (2) different genres** or categories listed below. At least **ONE classical piece** must be included as detailed below. This year, the singer is not required to sing in a foreign language.

- **Classical - Opera, Operetta, Oratorio, Art Song**
- **Musical Theater/Broadway**
- **Classic Folk Song. Spiritual**

Dress: Singers should wear – Women, a nice top and skirt or nice simple dress (not low cut) and Men a nice dress shirt and slacks. This is not a formal Concert, so no formal wear is required. Just dress professionally so your clothes are not distracting.

Virtual Online Finals Concert:

Finalists' Videos: Names of a maximum of eight singers chosen as 2020 Young Voice Reimagined Finalists will be listed on the PPOL website at pikespeakoperaleague.org along with their video links as of **November 15, 2020** for public viewing. All PPOL members, singers' family, friends and teachers are encouraged to watch these talented young singers perform as this opportunity encourages them in their performance experience

Judges

Teachers who have students entering the 2020 Young Voice Reimagined are not eligible to judge the video submissions. The 2020 Judges named are singers with years of teaching experience.

Accompanist: Not provided by PPOL this year.

QUESTIONS ABOUT RULES AND REGULATIONS, OR ABOUT REPERTOIRE CHOICES OR APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO SUSAN LORING, 2020 CO-CHAIR VIA EMAIL: sloring55@gmail.com, OR CALL 719-290-6738

Monetary Gifts: A PPOL check for \$100 will be given to all of the up to eight Finalists.

Suggestions for Singers: Choose two songs that you are comfortable singing. They should be well suited to your vocal ability at this time. Begin with a selection that shows the best quality of your voice. Sing first, the one you are most confident with. Include varied tempo, timbre and range. If a song is long, with repeats, use the standards cuts so as not to run overtime.

Video Reminders: Clearly, 1. First say “hello” and introduce yourself, 2. Introduce each song/aria, with its name, work piece is from, and composer, 3. Say “thank you” at the end.

Judges will be listening for vocal quality, pitch, musicianship, diction, expression, and your familiarity with the text. They also may comment on your stage presence in their notes.

Appearance: Your performance begins when you first appear on the video. Choose clothes that you are comfortable wearing and are not distracting.

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Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone No. _____

Email _____ Parents Name (print) _____

Parents Phone No. _____ Parents Email _____

Voice Category (soprano, mezzo, tenor, baritone, bass) _____ Age _____

Years of vocal study _____ High School (Name) _____ Grade _____

Repertoire (all sung from memory)

| Name of Selection/Work | Composer/Arranger | Key | Length of Song |
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1. _____

2. _____

I have read and understand all the Rules of the 2020 Pikes Peak Opera League Young Voice Reimagined (please make sure you have consulted the 2020 Rules on the PPOL web site at pikespeakoperaleague.org before finalizing this Application) and that by submitting this Application, I agree to abide by the judges' decision.

Applicant Signature _____ may be typed in

Voice Teacher's Name (please print) _____

Voice Teacher's Phone No. _____ Email _____

Voice Teacher's Signature _____ may be typed in

There is NO application fee this year.

This Application MUST be emailed to Susan Loring at sloring55@gmail.com by DEADLINE October 9, 2020.

By Monday, October 12 you will be notified via email of your acceptance to this year's Young Voice Reimagined Program. By October 26, you must upload a video recording of your singing.

If you have questions, call Susan at 719-290-6738