



SINFONIETTA BEL CANTO IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE ITS 4th ANNUAL COMPETITION FOR VOICE



**“The SBC Voice”
2016-2017**

A Competition for Vocalists
Downers Grove, IL

Singers will compete in four categories
All Finalists eligible for Audience Favorite Category

I.	Little Stars! (ages 13 & under)	\$50	1st Place Award
II.	Teen Stars (ages 14-18)	\$100	1st Place Award
III.	Collegiate Artists (ages 18-24)	\$150	1st Place Award
IV.	Emerging Artists (ages 25 & up)	\$200	1st Place Award
	All categories	\$100	Audience Favorite

On Sunday May 7th, 2017, at 3:00 p.m., **up to three Little Stars! finalists** and **up to two finalists** in the other categories will perform in the Sinfonietta Bel Canto (SBC) concert at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Downers Grove. **Little Stars!** finalists will perform with piano accompaniment. **Teen Stars, Collegiate Artists, and Emerging Artists** finalists will perform with the SBC Orchestra led by Dan D’Andrea. During the concert, one winner will be chosen from each category; additionally, the audience will select their favorite performer. Each 1st place winner and the “Audience Favorite” will receive a monetary award as enumerated above.

Application Process:

- Entrants apply by mail. A completed application includes all signatures and a check or money order.
Application postmark deadline is January 20, 2017
- All entrants will be invited to a live audition on Saturday, February 4, 2017.
An accompanist will be provided.
- Up to two finalists from each category will be chosen to compete on the concert on May 7th at 3:00 p.m.
We reserve the right to combine categories and/or increase number of finalists.
- Finalists must be available to rehearse with the orchestra on Saturday, May 6th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

2016-2017 “The SBC Voice” Competition Rules

Application/Competition Rules

1. Open to singers of all ages. Singers will compete in one of four categories; all ages are by the date of the final concert:
 - I. Little Stars! (13 and under),
 - II. Teen Stars (ages 14-18)
 - III. Collegiate Artists (18-24)
 - IV. Emerging Artists (25 and up)All finalists are invited to compete in a **live final round**. *Little Stars!* finalists will perform with piano, and categories II, III, and IV finalists will perform with SBC orchestra.
2. Entries must be postmarked **by January 20, 2017**. Entries accepted by U.S. mail to SBC Voice, 920 Curtiss Street #272, Downers Grove, IL 60515.
3. **Entrants must select repertoire from approved lists and guidelines, and it must be in the same key as the orchestra parts.** The approved repertoire list for *Little Stars!* is on the SBC website, www.sinfoniettabelcanto.org. *Teen Stars*, *Collegiate Artists* and *Emerging Artists* can select any classical repertoire with orchestral accompaniments available through **Luck’s Music Library**, www.lucksmusic.com, that complies with the SBC guidelines as shown on the SBC website. **Music must be for purchase only.**
4. **Before applying**, entrants should consult the repertoire guidelines on the SBC website. Please email Angela Korbitz at apkorbitz@hotmail.com, if you have questions about repertoire. **Entrants will be disqualified if approved repertoire, in orchestral key, is not chosen.**
5. Entries must include the following items: (incomplete entries are automatically disqualified)
 - Fully completed entry form. **(use current form)**
 - \$30 entry fee in form of a check payable to Sinfonietta Bel Canto
 - A printed, portrait-style photo or headshot. This does not need to be professional.
6. Entry fees are non-refundable.
7. Finalists must be available to rehearse with SBC on Saturday, May 6th from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., and Sunday, May 7th from 1:30-2:30 p.m. prior to the concert.

8. Results will be emailed in 2 weeks. If you would like a copy of the judges’ comments, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your application.
9. Finalists will be contacted via email approximately one month before the concert with the final round rehearsal schedule.

Audition Rules

1. Singers must sing from memory.
2. Singers should select one (1) approved piece, as described previously. **If selected for finals, singers must perform her/his same audition piece as in the first round, and it must be in the same key as the orchestra parts.** Repertoire should not exceed 6 minutes in length.
3. Singers will be judged using the following criteria: Tone/Technique, Accuracy, Interpretation, Diction, and Stage Presence.
4. Singers must provide three (3) copies of the music (one of which should be an original), **with all measures numbered**, to the judges at the audition. **Failure to bring copies with measures numbered will disqualify contestant.**
5. An accompanist will be provided. Singers must provide clear, double-sided sheet music in original form or in a binder. **This is in addition to the three judges’ copies.** Contestants may provide their own accompanist if desired.
6. Contestants will be assigned a time between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5211 Carpenter Street, in Downers Grove, IL 60515. Times are not negotiable.
7. First-round auditions are not open to the public.
8. No flash photography at rehearsals or at performances.
9. The judges’ decisions are final.

2016-2017 "The SBC Voice" Entry Form

Applicant Information:

Name: _____
(printed or typed CLEARLY for program booklet)

Competition Category _____ Voice Type _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

School/College: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Information: (if under 18 years of age)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Private Teacher Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Repertoire:

Title _____ Composer _____

Opera _____ Editor (if applicable) _____ Key _____ Length _____

REQUIRED: By signing this form, you agree to allow SBC to use the information on this form and your image and its likeness in print, broadcast, web advertising, in the concert program, and any other PR purposes.

Printed Name _____ Signature _____

Date _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (if entrant is under age 18):

Printed Name _____ Signature _____

Relationship to entrant: _____ Date _____

Send the application materials, \$30 check (made out to Sinfonietta Bel Canto), entry form, & photo to:

The SBC Voice, 920 Curtiss Street #272, Downers Grove, IL 60515

(For judges' comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Otherwise, judge(s) comments will not be sent out.)