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2018 WILLIAM MATHEUS SULLIVAN FOUNDATION SINGER AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The William Matheus Sullivan Musical Foundation awarded **seven \$10,000 grants** to young artists who auditioned for the Foundation in New York on November 11 and 12, 2018. In addition to these cash awards, winners will participate in the five-year program of continued financial aid for coaching in new roles, which is one of the unique features of the Sullivan awards. Judges for the auditions were **Christine Brewer, Anthony Fogg, Charles MacKay**, and **Craig Rutenberg**, all members of the Foundation's board.

The Sullivan Winners

Winners of **\$10,000 awards** and continuing assistance for five years starting in 2019 are: sopranos **Leah Hawkins** and **Erica Petrocelli**; tenors **Bille Bruley, Mario Rojas**, and **Charles Sy**; baritone **Michael Adams**; and bass **Anthony Schneider**. Four awards are named in memory of distinguished former Sullivan Foundation board members: Anthony Schneider's award for baritone **Theodor Uppman**; Erica Petrocelli's award for soprano **Rose Bampton**; Leah Hawkins's award for mezzo-soprano **Betty Allen**, leader of the Harlem School for the Arts; and Mario Rojas's award for soprano **Gail Robinson**, director of the Metropolitan Opera's Lindemann Young Artist Development Program. These artists join the current roster of recent Sullivan award winners, all of whom are eligible to apply to the Foundation for additional support to prepare new roles in opera or other works with full orchestra.

Career Development Grants

The panel also awarded **\$5,000 Career Development Grants** to six singers: soprano **Meryl Dominguez**; countertenor **Daniel Moody**; tenors **Geoffrey Agpalo, Alexander McKissick**, and **Carlos Santelli**; and bass **Timothy Bruno**.

About the Foundation

The Foundation was established in 1956 through the estate of William Matheus Sullivan, a prominent New York lawyer and opera-lover who presented opera performances sung by Metropolitan Opera artists in his country home in Ridgefield, Connecticut. More than one thousand young singers have received support from the Sullivan Foundation.

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