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2022 WILLIAM MATHEUS SULLIVAN FOUNDATION AUDITION AWARDS

The William Matheus Sullivan Musical Foundation awarded **\$85,000 to early career opera singers** who auditioned for the Foundation in New York on November 6 and 7, 2022. Sullivan Award winners participate in a five-year program of grants for preparing new roles, a unique feature of the Foundation's professional development support.

The seven winners of **\$10,000 Sullivan Awards** and continuing role preparation assistance for five years starting in 2023 are: sopranos **Adia Evans, Elena Villalón, and Meredith Wohlgemuth**; countertenor **Cody Bowers**; and baritones **Matthew Cossack, Navasard Hakobyan, and Brian Major**.

The panel also awarded **\$2,500 Career Development Grants** to six singers: soprano **Raven McMillon**; mezzo-sopranos **Sun-Ly Pierce** and **Meridian Prall**; tenor **Duke Kim**; baritone **Luke Sutliff**; and bass-baritone **Vladyslav Buialskyi**.

Judges for the auditions were **Christine Brewer, Charles MacKay, Marietta Simpson, and Ana María Martínez**, who joined the three Sullivan trustees as a guest judge.

Awards designated in memory of distinguished Sullivan Foundation board members are: Meredith Wohlgemuth's award for soprano **Rose Bampton**; Elena Villalón's award for soprano **Gail Robinson**, director of the Metropolitan Opera's Lindemann Young Artist Development Program and National Council Auditions; Brian Major's award for mezzo-soprano **Betty Allen**, the second president of the Harlem School for the Arts; Cody Bowers' award for tenor **David Lloyd**, executive director of the Sullivan Foundation and director of the Juilliard American Opera Center; Navasard Hakobyan's award for baritone **Theodor Uppman**; and Duke Kim's award for conductor, director, pianist, and administrator **John Moriarty**.

About the Foundation

The Foundation was established in 1956 through the estate of **William Matheus Sullivan**, a New York attorney and opera lover who presented performances sung by Metropolitan Opera artists in his country home in Ridgefield, Connecticut. More than 1,000 early career singers have earned funding from the Sullivan Foundation.

Evans Mirageas, the Harry T. Wilks Artistic Director of Cincinnati Opera, serves as the Foundation's President, having succeeded Charles MacKay in the role earlier this year.

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