

Marguerite McCammon

VOICE COMPETITION
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The news in the opera world is that "the McCammon is where stars are discovered"

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LUCKY THIRTEEN-----LUCKY STARS Future Opera Stars from all over the Globe will Shine in Fort Worth

Fort Worth, Texas: The Opera Guild of Fort Worth will present the Thirteenth Biennial Marguerite McCammon Voice competition in Fort Worth on May 23 and May 24. Thirty semifinalists have been chosen to compete for a place in the finals and an opportunity to win the first prize of \$10000 and a role in an upcoming production of Fort Worth Opera.

The semifinals will be held on Friday, May 23 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Modern Art Museum, 3200 Darnell St., Fort Worth. From this group up to twelve finalists will be chosen to compete for numerous prizes in Bass Performance Hall on Saturday, May 24 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Tickets for the Friday event are \$5 and for the Saturday event are \$10 and may be purchased by calling 817-731-0833 X25 or at the door.

There were 152 entries for the 2008 competition which included singers from the U.S., Russia, South Africa, Greece, Japan and Canada. In addition to the grand prize, second prize will receive \$5000 and third prize, \$3000. Additional prizes of \$1500 are given for Audience Favorite, and Male and Female Encouragement awards. The jury consists of Opera Directors and Artist Managers and will be chaired by Darren K. Woods, General Director of Fort Worth Opera.

The McCammon is known for introducing new talent to the opera stage around the world. Four finalists from the 2006 competition will be singing major roles in Fort Worth Opera's upcoming Festival this May. Other past winners of note are Vivica Geneaux, Kyle Ketelson, Richard Paul Fink and Frank Hernandez.

In 2005 the Star-Telegram named the McCammon Competition one of the top ten classical music events of the year. The talent this year promises the stars will continue to shine on these new young voices.

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