

THE EMMY DESTINN YOUNG SINGERS AWARDS 2023
13TH COMPETITION LONDON



Preliminary Rounds 1st and 2nd November 2023
Final 18th November 2023 before a public audience

First Prize Emmy Destinn bronze medal	£2000
Dvořák Society for Czech and Slovak Music Prize	£500
Czech Song Prize	£500
Accompanist's Prize	£300

INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

RULES

The competition was created to highlight Czech opera and song repertoire for young singers. It is open to singers involved in the advanced study of classical singing. There is no age limit but the Adjudicating Panel will assess the competitors' extent of vocal studies and experience. Participants are required to present **from memory** a contrasting programme of Czech opera and song. For Czech and Slovak nationals, one aria must be in English.

The Adjudicating Panel will consider the choice and variety of the submitted programme. The Panel's decision is final and not open to discussion or correspondence. They reserve the right to withhold any prize should the required standard not be achieved. The Emmy Destinn Foundation reserves the right to allow the competition to be recorded, broadcast or televised and use any publication material on its website and social media.

Czech Song Prize shall be awarded for the best performance of a Czech song.

Dvořák Society for Czech and Slovak Music Prize shall be awarded for the best performance of a song by a twentieth or twenty-first century Czech or Slovak composer, taken from the appended suggested list. The winners will provide a photograph and career résumé for subsequent publication in the Dvořák Society Newsletter.

Accompanist's Prize shall be awarded to the best accompanist in the Final of the competition.

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REQUIREMENTS

All applications should be emailed to us no later than 8th **October 2023**. By signing the Entry form the participant agrees to abide by the Rules of the Competition. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. The selected competitors will be notified by 15th October 2023. Please ensure you are available for the Final before you apply

YOU MUST ENCLOSE THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

- A short, typed CV with particulars of musical education, tutors, awards, recent performances (max.150 words)
- A short, typed biography suitable for publicity purposes (75 words)
- Recent live recording link via We Transfer or Dropbox
- Recent colour photograph (jpg), non-copyrighted (10cm x 15cm)
- Your accompanist's details, a colour photograph (jpg) and a short CV (75 words)

Application Fee: Successful entrants will be required to pay an entry fee of £45

Accompanists are not provided but can be recommended. Please contact the Administrator at awards@destinn.com

Lists of suggested Czech arias and songs are available on request from awards@destinn.com. Please state your voice type.

REPERTOIRE

Preliminary round

The programme must not exceed 15 minutes and must consist of one Czech opera aria, two Czech songs and one piece of your own choice, which can be either from general repertoire or Czech. To be considered for the Czech Song Prize and the Dvořák Society for Czech and Slovak Music Prize, the programme must present a good balance between opera and song. All repertoire must be sung from memory and in the original language. For Czech and Slovak nationals, one aria must be in English.

Final

The programme must not exceed 20 minutes and must include one Czech piece different from the Preliminary round. To be considered for the Czech Song Prize and the Dvořák Society for Czech and Slovak Music Prize, the programme must present a good balance between opera and song. All repertoire must be sung from memory and in the original language.

The judges will take into consideration the choice and variety of the programme submitted.