

# PITTSBURGH OPERA

## Resident Artist Auditions F.A.Q. 2020

### **Who is on the audition panel?**

Christopher Hahn, General Director; William Powers, Managing Director;  
Mark Trawka, Director of Musical Studies; Emily Grand, Resident Artist Administrator

### **Is there an age limit for the Resident Artist Program of Pittsburgh Opera?**

There is not an official age limit, but most of our artists are in their 20's and early 30's. Singers are more likely to be granted an audition if they are about to or have recently completed formal academic training.

### **Do I need to be a US citizen to attend the program?**

Pittsburgh Opera will not apply for a visa on your behalf. If you have a current visa that will allow you to work in the United States for the full two-year program, then we encourage you to apply.

### **How many arias will I sing?**

Pittsburgh Opera is requiring two video recordings in contrasting styles and languages be submitted with the application. One must be an opera aria in audition format, the second may be a performance recording if desired, both should be recorded within the last year. For the second round of video auditions, at least two new video recordings will be required. Selected finalists may be asked to sing up to two arias, one of your choice, followed by the panel's choice.

### **For Opera America's resources on Remote Auditions please visit:**

<https://www.operaamerica.org/Files/RemoteAuditionsOA.pdf>

<https://www.operaamerica.org/Files/RecordingAuditionsAtHome.pdf>

### **What if I don't know an aria in every language requested?**

You should sing the arias you know and that you are comfortable performing.

### **What if I want to change my rep?**

Instructions for how to submit your rep list for second-round video auditions will be sent out with audition notifications. If you are a finalist asked to sing a live audition, you may submit a new rep list at the time of your audition.

### **How do I find out about second-round video auditions?**

If granted a second-round video audition, notifications will be sent out via YAP Tracker with the details by Friday, November 6. Finalists will be contacted via email.

### **When are casting decisions made?**

Decisions will be made following the final round of auditions, which will take place in late December or early January. Offers will be given by telephone sometime early in the new year.

### **Will I receive feedback from the audition panel?**

We regret that panelists will not be able to offer feedback.