

WILLIAM MATHEUS SULLIVAN FOUNDATION

2009 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND DEADLINES:

2009 SULLIVAN FOUNDATION AUDITIONS are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday November 16 & 17 in New York City. Several winners will receive \$10,000 AWARDS, which may be used for any career-related expenses. Winners will also then be eligible to receive ROLE PREPARATION GRANTS for the next five years, to support musical, dramatic, vocal or language coaching for upcoming professional engagements for new roles, or for existing roles in new languages.

The Foundation seeks exceptionally talented young singers who are taking first steps in professional careers. Applicants must be in the early stages of their careers, and have completed their academic training. They should have sung at least one engagement with a known opera company, symphony orchestra, or other organization utilizing full orchestral accompaniment, and must submit a copy of a contract or letter of intent for an upcoming professional operatic engagement with full orchestra (not a cover) beginning after November 16-17. *Singers enrolled in full-year young artist programs may be selected to audition for Sullivan awards; if they are winners, their eligibility for additional grants for lessons and coaching will be deferred until they have graduated from those programs.*

Please return the enclosed completed form, together with:

1. An updated ONE-PAGE CHRONOLOGICAL RESUME (*additional pages will be discarded*)
2. An 8x10 photo
3. A sealed letter of endorsement (this may be sent separately by email or fax on letterhead) **written specifically in regard to this Sullivan application** by the music or artistic director of an opera company or a prominent conductor with whom they have performed.
4. a photocopy of a contract for an upcoming operatic engagement with full orchestra after the 16-17 November, which will be the basis for the first Role Preparation Grant. (This may be faxed separately, but an audition will not be scheduled until a contract is received.) *We cannot accept cover contracts.*

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 21, 2009.

Submission of an application does not guarantee an audition. A screening panel will evaluate the audition materials, and singers who are chosen to audition will be notified on or shortly after **October 15** regarding the place and time of auditions. There are no callbacks or finals. Please send all materials to :

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