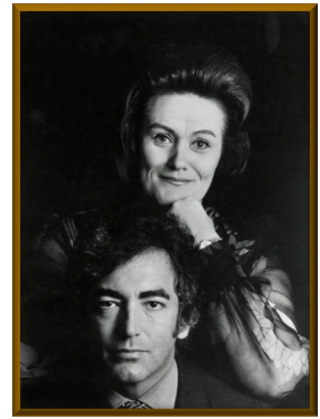




2020

BEL CANTO AWARD

JOAN SUTHERLAND – RICHARD BONYNGE



Life Patron: Richard Bonynges AC CBE

2020 Online Bel Canto Awards

Applications close: **10 October 2020**

About

The 2020 Bel Canto Awards have been created to assist Australian singers in 2020 who have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. These awards are also in memory of Dame Joan Sutherland who passed away 10 years ago on the 10 October 2010.

RULES

Eligibility

1. The Joan Sutherland & Richard Bonynges Bel Canto Awards are open to **ALL AUSTRALIAN PROFESSIONAL OPERA SINGERS** aged **24 - 36** as of **10 OCTOBER 2020** who have lost work due to Covid-19 and theatre closures in 2020. Australian citizens only may apply, either resident or overseas.
2. It is essential all entrants read the list of Rules carefully and agree to abide by them before entering the competition.

Criteria & Application Process

1. **APPLICATION FORM** - all entrants must complete an official **Application Form** and provide all the necessary additional documentation either online or via email.
2. **MP4 VIDEO LINK via Dropbox, Youtube, Google Drive or similar** - entrants must provide two video links of two contrasting arias of your choice either in performance or made personally. Videos can be up to 2 years old. The date of the performances must be shown in your application.
3. **HOW COVID-19 HAS AFFECTED YOUR PLANS** - outline how you have been affected by the pandemic and what your future plans are. No longer than **1 page**. Bullet points preferable where possible.
4. **CV** - no longer than **1 page**. Bullet points preferable where possible.
5. **PHOTO** - please provide a recent and clearly labelled publicity photo.
6. **PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP AN AGE** - enclose a copy of your passport or birth certificate.
7. Application Forms must be **emailed or sent online** to the Foundation by **10 OCTOBER 2020**.
8. Your entry is accepted once your complete application has been received. A confirmation email will be sent confirming your entry.
9. No late entries or part entries will be accepted after the closing date.
10. There is NO ENTRY FEE in 2020.

Judging

1. The 2020 competition will be held entirely online with no live auditions due to the Covid-19 restrictions.
2. The judges will view the videos and applications and vote on the ten singers to receive the ten prizes.
3. The judges will be Richard Bonyngé AC CBE (International Conductor), Cyrus Meher-Homji OAM (Vice-President of Classics and Jazz, Universal Music Aus) and Bernadette Cullen (International Mezzo soprano).
4. The decision of the judging panel is final.
5. No correspondence will be entered into with the judges, the members of the Foundation or with any third party regarding the judges decision.
6. Entrants will be judged on their quality of voice, artistry, current standard, how they have been impacted and their future plans.

Prizes

1. Ten prizes will be awarded to ten singers in need.
2. Prize money will range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.
3. Multiple prizes of certain amounts may be awarded at the discretion of the judges.
I.e. two \$10,000 prizes could be awarded.
4. A minimum total of \$40,000 in prize money will be on offer in 2020.

Prize Announcement

1. The winners will be announced on what would have been Dame Joan Sutherland's 94th birthday - 7 November, 2020.
2. Prize winners will be notified via email with the results listed on Facebook and the website.

Entries and Enquiries

1. All entries should be sent either online using the online tool or via email to:
belcantoaward@jsrbfoundation.com



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