



7th Annual

Elizabeth Connell Prize

INTERNATIONAL SINGING COMPETITION FOR DRAMATIC SOPRANOS

Est. 2014

Patrons: Richard Bonyngé AC CBE

Dame Anne Evans DBE

Bernadette Cullen

Open to sopranos and mezzo sopranos
of ALL nationalities aged 25-34 as of
1 April 2021.

1st Prize AUD\$25,000

2021 CRITERIA

The Elizabeth Connell Prize is to help promote female singers who show the potential to sing the more dramatic repertoire. Singers do not have to currently be a dramatic soprano to enter, simply show potential. All repertoire is accepted including the lyric repertoire which is encouraged for this age group.

The competition will be judged over 3 Rounds. Successful entrants must compete in all 3 rounds.

Round 1 - Entrants must provide a video of two contrasting arias, an application form listing five arias, CV, intended use of funds plan, publicity photo, proof of ID and entry fee to compete.

Round 2 - Entrants' video links will be judged by an international panel of judges. Up to 40 singers will be chosen to audition live in Round 2 in various cities in Europe, the USA and Australia, all TBC. Five arias must be prepared.

Of the five arias, 1 must be in German, 1 must be in Italian, AND 1 must be by either Puccini, Verdi, R. Strauss or Wagner.

Round 3 - Up to five (5) sopranos will be chosen to compete in the Finals for the Elizabeth Connell Prize in Sydney Australia in September 2021 in conjunction with the Joan Sutherland & Richard Bonyngé International Bel Canto Award.

Finalists will be reimbursed up to AUD\$2000 for an international airfare to Sydney and provided with host accommodation for the week in Sydney.

All stages of the competition will be accompanied by piano.

Application Forms will be available at the end of 2020 or early 2021.

All finalists receive a monetary prize. Total Prize money for 2021 will be approximately \$45,000.

Entry fee **AUD\$100** per application. Entry fees are non-refundable.

Contact econnellprize@jsrbfoundation.com for details or sign up for updates.

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