



APPLICATION for OPERA COMPANIES

The American Prize in OPERA/OPERA/OPERA Performance 2018-19

PRELIMINARY DEADLINE to email and/or postmark applications: Monday, APRIL 30, 2018. Automatic extensions to Thursday, MAY 31, 2018 for those who need more time and request it in advance of the May date by emailing theamericanprize@gmail.com

I. SELECT the category of ensemble. If you are a conductor or stage director who also wishes to apply for those individual prizes, complete the CONDUCTING—OPERA/OPERA/OPERA DIVISION or STAGE DIRECTOR application and check this box:

- professional opera company community or faith-based opera company college or university opera company

Print your name _____ Position _____
(board member, conductor, ensemble musician, director, etc)

Conductor and/or director of opera company (if different) _____

Name of company or school _____ Work(s) being submitted: _____

Your permanent address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ City/state where ensemble based _____

Your email address _____ Confirm email _____

A. **APPLYING ONLINE ONLY:** (pay fees online, submit this form as a PDF file attachment named for the applicant, along with the required email—see below, include links to online audition selections.) PAYING FEES: ONLINE *identify applicant with payment*

or
B. **APPLYING BY MAIL & EMAIL:** (mail this form along with audition selections on disc or tape, pay fees online, or by check, money order or credit card sent to the office—address below. Don't forget the required email, below).

PAYING FEES: ONLINE *identify applicant with payment* CREDIT CARD BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER

EMAIL required of ALL applicants: theamericanprize@gmail.com

Send a SINGLE email: Be sure to identify the applicant in the subject line of a single email which contains:

- 1.A 150 word (maximum) biography of the ensemble sent in the body of an email, not as an attachment. The bio will be printed verbatim should the applicant win The American Prize. Include your website address in the bio if you want it published.
- 2.A photograph of the ensemble (JPEG or PGN only) sent as an attachment. Be sure the file name includes applicant's name.
- 3.The name and email addresses of up to 5 media outlets you wish to receive press releases from us, should the applicant win The American Prize, such as local newspapers, radio or television stations, alumni newsletters, etc. Please list them in this format: (examples: THE SPRINGFIELD TIMES arts editor: arts@springfieldtimes.com —or— Robert Smith, alumni director, Springfield College: rsmith@cspring.edu)

FOR "ONLINE" APPLICATIONS ONLY: Include with the SAME email:

- 1.This application form sent as a PDF file attachment named for the applicant.
- 2.Web links to your online audition selection(s).

FOR APPLICATIONS "BY MAIL & EMAIL": In addition to the required email, send, by U.S. Mail, UPS or similar:

- 1.Two completed copies of this application form.
- 2.Two identical recordings of the ensemble, with name and selection(s) clearly marked on the cd, dvd or VHS video and on each recording box or sleeve. No loose discs, please. (See website for requirements for the recording.)
- 3. If sending \$80 application fee by mail, make check or money order out to HCMT/The American Prize. Send to: David Katz, chief judge, HCMT/ The American Prize, 25 Hamilton Drive, Suite 100, Danbury, CT 06811

—or: please charge my credit card: MC V DSC

Card No. _____ Exp. _____ CVV* _____
*3-digit code on back of card

Signature _____ Name _____

If making multiple applications, they may be sent together. Be sure to include 2 copies of EACH application, 2 copies of EACH tape and EACH fee in the same envelope. No incomplete applications. No refunds. No materials will be returned.

IV. SIGNATURE: By signing this form, you attest that the recording included in this application is of the ensemble here named. You understand and agree to abide by all the rules of The American Prize competition, agree to accept related emails from The American Prize, and authorize us to publish the photo and biographical information of the applicant via electronic or other media, including on our websites.

Signature _____ Name _____ Date _____

Your application will be acknowledged by email. The decisions of judges are final. The American Prize is administered by Hat City Music Theater Inc.