



APPLICATION for OPERA Companies

The American Prize in OPERA/OPERA PERFORMANCE, 2010

DEADLINE for postmark of application(s): November 30, 2010
This application requires both MAILED and EMAILED components.
Refer to the website for complete information: www.theamericanprize.org

I. SELECT the category of the company. (Choose only one.) If you are a conductor who also wishes to apply for the conducting prize, complete the CONDUCTING—OPERA/OPERA PERFORMANCE DIVISION application and check this box:

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

Print your name _____ Position _____
(conductor, administrator, board member, parent, etc.)

Number of years in present position _____

Name of opera company or school _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

Email address _____ Confirm email _____

Website (if any) _____

II. MAILED COMPONENT:

Send (U.S. Mail, UPS or similar) by the postmark deadline date:

1. Two copies of this application form.
2. Two identical recordings of the company in performance, with conductor, ensemble and selections clearly marked on the DVD or VHS video. (See website for requirements for the recording.)
3. Application fee of \$65 (check, credit card or money order) made out to **HCMT/The American Prize**. *Send to:*
Please charge my credit card: MC V DSC

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

David Katz, chief judge
HCMT/The American Prize
25 Hamilton Drive, Suite 100
Danbury, CT 06811

Signature _____ Name _____

If applying for BOTH the company and conducting prizes, applications may be sent together, but be sure to include BOTH applications, 2 copies of EACH recording and BOTH fees in one envelope, and complete BOTH emailed components. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. No refunds. No materials will be returned.

III. EMAILED COMPONENT:

This application is incomplete without emailing the required information by the deadline date to theamericanprz@aol.com

Email: Be sure to identify the company by name in the subject line of a *single* email which contains:

1. A 75 word (maximum) description or history of the company sent in the body of an email, *not as an attachment*.
2. A photograph of the company (JPEG only). Be sure the file name of the photo includes the name of the company.
3. The name and email addresses of no fewer than 2 and no more than 5 media outlets you wish to receive press releases from us, should the company win The American Prize, such as local newspapers, radio or television stations, alumni newsletters, etc. We encourage you to CONFIRM these emails first, as we cannot research incomplete or inaccurate email addresses. Please list them in this format: (examples: SPRINGFIELD TIMES arts editor: arts@springfieldtimes.com —or— Robert Smith, alumni director, Springfield College: rsmith@springfield.edu)

IV. SIGNATURE: By signing this form, you attest that you are authorized to make this application and that the recording included in this application is of the company described. You understand and agree to abide by all the rules of The American Prize competition and give permission to The American Prize to publish and distribute the photo and ensemble information you have provided via electronic or other media, including on our website.

Signature _____ Name _____ Date _____

This application will be acknowledged by email upon receipt. The American Prize follows a strict timeline for the announcement of semi-finalists, finalists and winners. Please refer to the website for complete information. The decision of the judges is final.