



**The Margaret Kimball Operatic Competition
Rimrock Opera of Billings, Montana**



This biennial operatic competition is open to all amateur singers who are United States citizens, and residents or students of the states of Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, or Utah. Contestants between the ages of 18-35 must submit two arias on cassette or CD. Ten finalists are invited to Billings to compete for cash awards totaling \$2,000.00. The winners are invited to remain in Billings one additional day and sing in a Rimrock Opera summer concert event.

Application deadline: March 19, 2007

Final Notification: April 27, 2007

Final Competition: Friday, July 6, 2007

**Winners invited to sing in the "Magic City Stars" Concert:
Saturday, July 7, 2007**

www.rimrockopera.org

To receive an application through the mail, please direct all requests to:

The Margaret Kimball Operatic Competition

c/o Rimrock Opera

P. O. Box 11

Billings, MT

59103-0011

Application Details and Rules

Rimrock Opera of Billings, Montana, announces

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1. No singer who has already sung a leading role with Rimrock Opera will be eligible.
2. The application must be completely filled out and signed by the applicant. The application form must be accompanied by a standard cassette tape or CD (non-returnable) of two (2) contrasting arias in style and language from any operatic repertoire. Only submit two selections. They may be accompanied by piano or orchestra, and/or can be extracted from a live recording. Oratorio, lieder or art songs will not be accepted. The arias must be listed on the jacket of the tape or CD, along with the contestant's name. In addition, the application must include a **\$25.00 non-refundable application fee** in the form of check or money order, one (1) black and white 8" X 10" photograph and furnish a copy of legal proof of age (e.g. passport, birth certificate, driver's license), and a copy of proof of residency or school matriculation (driver's license, voter registration or student ID). Checks should be made payable to *Rimrock Opera*. **THE APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2007. Incomplete or late applications will not be processed.**
3. Applications will be evaluated by a screening committee and all applicants will be notified whether or not they have reached the finals. If you have not received notification by April 27, 2007, please contact the Rimrock Opera at 406-671-2214. Successful applicants will receive further information regarding the details of the finals. All applications are considered confidential.
4. Ten (10) contestants will be chosen for the finals. Each contestant will be required to arrange their own transportation to and from Billings for the finals, which are held on Friday, July 6, 2007, in Billings, Montana. Winners are invited to remain in Billings one additional day to sing as special guests in a "Magic City Stars" Concert on Saturday, July 7, 2007 in Billings. All finalists will be housed and fed at home stays in the Billings area.
5. Finalists must be prepared to sing four (4) operatic arias from memory. They should be contrasting languages, styles and periods. One aria must be from an American opera, sung in

English. All arias must be sung in original language and key. Exceptions may be made for standard transpositions (e.g. "La Calunnia" from the Barber of Seville, key of C major rather than D major). Contestants will choose the first aria. Then judges will request a second and possibly a third selection from those arias listed on the application. Any change in competition repertoire must be submitted by June 15, 2007.

6. A professional accompanist will be provided at no additional charge. Rehearsal time with the competition accompanist is limited to ½ hour of rehearsal time per contestant on July 5 or July 6, 2007. Contestants may choose to bring their own pianist at their own expense.
7. Competition finals will be held at 7:00 PM on Friday, July 6, 2007, at Skyview High School Auditorium in Billings, Montana.
8. Winners will receive cash awards totaling \$2,000. The judges' decisions are final. In addition, the first place winner will be guaranteed a leading role in an upcoming Rimrock Opera production.
9. Awards will be forfeited for supplying false or incorrect information and/or failure to comply with competition rules.
10. All finalists are responsible for their own travel costs. An honorarium will be given to each finalist of \$100.00 towards travel upon arrival in Billings.
11. A completed applications package should include the following:
 - Completed application form
 - Copy of legal proof of age
 - Proof of residency or school matriculation in applicable state
 - A cassette or CD of 2 contrasting arias
 - \$25.00 non-refundable application fee
 - One black and white head shot

Please mail application package postmarked no later than Monday, March 19, 2007 to:

Douglas Nagel, *Artistic Director*
Rimrock Opera
3260 Banff Ave
Billings, MT 59102

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Rimrock Opera of Billings, Montana

Competition Application Form

Please print or type. Attach additional information or resume as necessary.

Name _____ Voice Classification _____
 Current Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (cell) _____ Phone (home) _____ Email _____
 State of Residency _____ Date of Birth _____ Age as of July 6, 2007 _____

Education:

College/University	Dates Attended	Major Field	Diploma/Degree

Current Coach(s)/Teacher(s) _____

Please list operatic roles performed &/or apprentice programs attended:

Role	Opera	Language	Organization or Program	Date

Awards, Grants, Scholarships, etc. & appropriate dates:

Competition Repertoire (please see rules)

Aria	Opera	Composer
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

Pianist needed? (Please circle one) YES NO

I hereby certify that I am eligible by age and residency to enter this competition. I have read and will comply with all conditions set forth in the competition rules.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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