



The Mendelssohn Club of Albany 2012 Joel Dolven Vocal Awards Competition

1. The competition will take place at:

New Covenant Presbyterian Church
916 Western Avenue
Albany, NY
2. The date of the competition is Saturday, March 24, 2012 and the recitals will start at 9:00 AM.
3. The audition is open to any vocal student, male or female, whose current mailing address is within 60 miles of Albany, NY, and who is 16 through 29 years of age. This, and all other references to age in this document, are as of the date of competition.
4. The Mendelssohn Club offers a cash award in each of three categories:
 - **Novice Student Division** – for students of ages 16 through 18
 - **Intermediates Student Division** – for students of ages 19 through 22
 - **Advanced Student Division** – for students of ages 23 through 29
5. An additional cash award, the **Joy B. Misenhimer Encouragement Award**, may be awarded to a single competitor from any of the above divisions who demonstrates outstanding singing potential.
6. Judges may reduce the number of awards offered if they feel that an award in any one division is not warranted. If too few candidates apply in a given division, the competition may not be held for that division.
7. Each contestant must give an audition recital that consists of two songs. One selection should be from the concert, lieder, opera, or art song repertory.
8. Judges will evaluate vocal ability, interpretation, and musicianship, and will provide a written assessment to each contestant.
9. Each contestant should provide his or her own accompanist. If this is not possible the contestant should inform the committee by February 27, 2012. We may be able to find an accompanist for you to hire. Avoid electronic accompaniment, and, if possible, avoid reading music during the audition.
10. The **deadline for applications is March 5, 2012**. We will accept a limited number of contestants from applications that are *received* by the deadline. Accepted contestants will be notified by email or telephone.
11. Please email the information requested in the application below to awards@mendelssohn.org with a subject line of "Dolven Application" or, if you don't have access to email, mail the completed form to:
Mendelssohn Club Vocal Awards Committee
2213 Lynnwood Dr.
Schenectady, NY 12309
12. Questions concerning the competition may be addressed to awards@mendelssohn.org or to the committee chair at 518 372-9607.

Name:	Voice Register:
Address:	Voice teacher:
	Accompanist:
Phone:	1 st song:
Email:	Composer:
Age on March 24, 2012:	2 nd song:
Years of any previous Dolven competitions:	Composer: