



The Mendelssohn Club of Albany 2026 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 28, 2016 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 15 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 15 through 18
 - **Intermediate 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 particular 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 March 6, 2026. We may be able to find an accompanist for you to hire. Avoid electronic accompaniment, and avoid reading music during the audition.
10. The **deadline for applications is March 13, 2026**. 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 (as text in the body of the message) to awards@mendelssohn.org with a subject line of “Dolven Application.” We will send you an email confirming receipt of your application. If you do not hear from us within a few days, please call at that number below. If you do not have access to email, mail the completed form to:
 Al Salinero
 6 Cayuga Ct.
 Albany, NY 12208
12. Questions concerning the competition may be addressed to awards@mendelssohn.org or to Al Salinero, the committee chair, at 518 810-4186.

Name:	Voice Register:
Address:	Voice teacher:
Phone:	Accompanist:
Email:	Age on March 28, 2026:
1 st song:	Composer:
2 nd song:	Composer: