



The Mendelssohn Club of Albany

2025 Joel Dolven Vocal Awards Competition

Saturday, March 29, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.

Thank you for your interest in the 2025 Dolven vocal competition! It will take place at New Covenant Presbyterian Church, 916 Western Avenue, Albany, New York beginning at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 29, 2025.

1. The competition is open to any vocal student of any gender ages 15 through 29 *on the date of the competition* with a current mailing address within 60 miles of Albany, New York.
2. The Mendelssohn Club will offer a cash prize in each of three divisions:
 - **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

An additional cash award, the **Joy B. Misenhimer Encouragement Award**, may be awarded to a single competitor who does not win a division, but demonstrates outstanding vocal achievement.

3. Judges may reduce the number of awards offered if they feel that an award in any division is not warranted. If too few candidates apply in a division, the competition may be cancelled for that division.
4. Each contestant must give a competition recital of two songs. Both selections should be from the concert, lieder, opera, art song, or standard musical theatre repertoire (for musical theatre: legit, mix and belt styles all acceptable, but must be from the musical theatre literature, not rock or pop music). Judges will evaluate vocal ability, interpretation, and musicianship, and will provide a written assessment to each contestant.
5. Each contestant should provide their own accompanist. If this is not possible, the contestant should inform the committee when submitting the application. We may be able to find an accompanist for you to hire. Please avoid electronic accompaniment, and avoid reading music during the recital.
6. The **deadline for receipt of applications is Friday, February 28, 2025**. We will accept a limited number of contestants and notify accepted contestants approximately a week after the application deadline.
7. To apply by email (preferred), send the information requested below as text in the body of the message to awards@mendelssohn.org with a subject line of “Dolven Application,” or mail this form completed to: Mendelssohn Club Vocal Awards; c/o Alvaro Salinero, Chair; 6 Cayuga Ct., Albany, NY 12208.
8. Questions? Please contact awards@mendelssohn.org or Alvaro Salinero, Mendelssohn Club Vocal Awards Committee Chair, at (518) 810-4186.

Name:	Voice Register:
Address:	Voice teacher:
Phone:	Accompanist:
Email:	Age on March 23, 2024:
1 st song:	Composer:
2 nd song:	Composer:
Describe in a sentence or two how the award would further your vocal studies:	