

# **THE PRESCOTT CHORALE YOUNG ARTIST AWARDS PROGRAM**

The Prescott Chorale has established a program called the Young Artist Awards to promote opportunities for talented young singers (High School through College) to support their vocal skills and singing opportunities through studying private voice. Private donors monetarily support this program through the Prescott Chorale, and it is managed by the Prescott Chorale Board of Directors and their Young Artist Award Committee.

The goal of the program is to award students with an annual monetary stipend going directly to their voice teacher to defray the cost of their vocal training. This also helps the financial burden for their parents so their student can continue their lessons.

There are two levels of student competitions. This is designed to benefit students who have differing levels of training. Students will audition at Level I or II as determined by their voice teacher. Level I is for students with two years or less of consistent private voice instruction. Level II is for students with more than two years of studying voice for the goal of pursuing a degree or career in vocal music. The highest scores in each division are the winners of the monetary award. It is important to note that the amount of the award per student is directly governed by the amount of the donation funding each year, however top-scoring students have received up to \$1000.00 toward their voice lessons. Each participant's voice teacher will receive the final scoring guide to help focus on areas for the student's improvement about two weeks after the audition.

Students audition for the Prescott Chorale Young Artist Awards Adjudicating Committee occur during a designated time in the month of March. The audition dates will be published on the Prescott Chorale website. Both parents and voice teachers need to be responsible for preparation and planning up to and for the audition week. Singers will sing for an Adjudicating Committee scoring their performance. The committee is made up of

professional singers, voice teachers and seasoned musicians, with years of experience in voice performance. The students will be scored appropriately at their current level I or II using a scoring rubric.

How do students apply for the audition? Your student's voice teacher will help them directly with the forms which are available online. Voice teachers will choose the appropriate level for the audition based on the student's voice study history. They will guide the student's choice for a competitive musical selection to sing from the repertoire lists the PC YAA provides to the Voice Teachers. Voice Teachers may also find an audition piece for their student that they deem to be of high musical quality and equal to one of the selections on the list. Voice teachers are encouraged to confer with the YAA committee if there are repertoire questions. The completed forms must be submitted to the YAA Committee by February 7<sup>st</sup> each year. When your form is received the committee will contact you with a date and time for your audition.

Mail Application Forms to:

YAA Committee, 3315 Charla Dr, Prescott, AZ 86305

Or email to [mezzomd@yahoo.com](mailto:mezzomd@yahoo.com)

Voice Teachers please contact one of the following with your questions up to February 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the March auditions:

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