**Vancouver Opera Guild**

2025 Career Development Grant – **Singers**

Career Development Grant Application **Regulations**

**2025 GRANT** - **$7,000**

1. The applicant must be between 20 and 33 years of age. All applications must be accompanied by a copy of a legal document giving proof of age and citizenship (birth certificate, passport, driver’s licence, etc.)

2. Applicant must be a Canadian citizen or a Landed Immigrant – include proof with application.

3. The application must be accompanied by:

**a)** **A detailed description of the project** for which the grant is requested: scope, time to complete, results sought, budget with total cost, specific purpose to which the grant will be applied and a brief statement of resources available for the project. Please indicate other sources of funding, either confirmed or applied for. **Examples of suitable projects**: vocal or dramatic coaching, language study, creating high quality recordings and/or a website, living expenses for out-of-town studies, audition tour/expenses etc. ***Please note that completion of a music degree is not an acceptable project.***

***ALL APPLICANTS AND THEIR PROJECTS MUST ADHERE TO THE HEALTH GUIDELINES LAID OUT BY LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES AND HEALTH CANADA.***

b) **Three videos of contrasting opera arias,** in at least two languages, with piano accompaniment only, to a maximum of 15 minutes of music. The videos must be available online and each singer must send links that can be forwarded to the judges. As all vocal judging is by recording, please ensure that your submission is of professional quality, and of unedited recent performances. All videos should be labelled with the name of the aria, opera, composer and performer.

**c) Current reference letters** from two established professionals in the field who are familiar with the abilities and potential of the applicant – e.g. voice teachers, coaches, directors, specialists in the field of opera, etc.

**d) A curriculum vitae**, including a photo/headshot – minimum size: 6” X 8”

4. The grant must be used only for the purposes outlined in the application. The grant will be made available at the start of the successful candidate’s project.

5. All applicants will be advised of the judges’ decision.

6. The recipient must send a report on the project to the Vancouver Opera Guild no later than three months after its completion.

**Late applications will not be accepted.**

**FINAL DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS – APRIL 15, 2025**