

BOIBA 2021 - Rules for contestants

1. The Award. The Bath Opera Isobel Buchanan Award 2019 for a promising young opera singer will take place on November 11th 2021 at the Michael Tippett centre (Bath Spa University, Newton Park site BA2 9BN) and is open to any contestant aged 20-28. The Award will be based on only two criteria: -

All-round quality of performance

Potential to progress in a professional career in opera

The winner will receive a first prize of £1,000. The runner-up will receive a prize of £500.

2. How to apply. Please send to secretary.bathopera@hotmail.co.uk:

- Your application form (see below) and your CV
- A link to YouTube (or similar platform) of your chosen performance of one song or aria

Applications will close at midnight on October 14th 2021 and finalists will be advised by October 28th.

An entry fee of £20 per applicant should be paid by Bank Transfer to Bath Opera (sort code 30-90-89, account 49428860) at the time of your application. Let us know if you wish to pay by cheque and we will contact you.

3. The Final. The judging panel will invite 6 applicants to sing in the final (a photo and 65 words for the programme will be required). The order of performance will be notified in advance, with the first performance at 7pm. The panel will announce the award the same evening. Their decision will be final, and no correspondence on it will be entered into after the award. Finalists will perform 2 arias in their original language, and an art song in the language of their choice: the total singing time shall not be more than 12 minutes (lengthy arias may be curtailed appropriately).

An experienced accompanist will be available, but you may provide your own. You will be able to rehearse in the auditorium with your accompanist in the afternoon. Arrangements will be made with the finalists nearer the time.

4. Other information. Audience tickets at £12 (including free programme) may be purchased from www.bathspalive.co.uk or on the door (space permitting). Full-time students may attend free of charge but still need to book tickets. A bar will be open for 30 mins before the event, and at the end of the performances during the panel's deliberation. There will be a short break after the first 3 performances.

This is a 'Bath Spa Live' event, by kind permission of Bath Spa University. Grateful acknowledgement is due to them for their encouragement and support, and for making the Centre available.

By applying you agree to allow us to contact you in respect of this competition, and of other Bath Opera activities

Application Form

Name: _____ Voice: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

YouTube link to your chosen singing performance: _____

Arias and art song to be performed if invited to the final: _____

Will you be using the provided accompanist, or bringing your own? _____

Do you wish to rehearse in the afternoon with the accompanist? _____

Signed: _____