



Young Artists Vocal Academy Alumni

2026 Participants:

Mercedes Barel Ledri, soprano
Mumtozbegin Ochilova, soprano
Ella Vaughn, soprano
Andrea Pancardo Cancino, mezzo-soprano
Mariam Kiziria, mezzo-soprano
Fangzhen Wang, mezzo-soprano
Santiago Dalpiano, tenor
Connor Galle, tenor
Samuel Lorenzo Gilbert, tenor
José María Ortega, tenor
Rudy Polk, tenor
Robert Dakwar, baritone
Isaiah Liggins, baritone
Christopher Gray, bass-baritone
William Scarrow, bass-baritone
Zane Brolin, bass



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2025 Participants:

Abigail Arnold, soprano
Cristina Escobedo, soprano
Dejah Watts, soprano
Emily Amesquita, mezzo-soprano
Madison Chambers, mezzo-soprano
Makenna Palacio, mezzo-soprano
Sophia Pelekasis, mezzo-soprano
Carolyn Schrock, mezzo-soprano
Cayenne Teeter, mezzo-soprano
Alessandro Fanan, tenor
Brett Hunter, tenor
Michael Breaux, baritone
Esau Alvarez Rodriguez, baritone
Jamie Felix-Toll, bass-baritone
Temur Bidzishvili, bass
Xavier Perry, bass



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2024 Participants:

Daniella Brancato, soprano
Sophia Grace Donelan, soprano
Lea Nayak, soprano
Pilar Romero, soprano
Molly Snodgrass, soprano
Adriana Stepien, soprano
Natalie Corrigan, mezzo-soprano
Estefani Lopez, mezzo-soprano
Maya McGuire, mezzo-soprano
Samuel Higgins, countertenor
Matthew Juhlin, baritone
Alan Rendzak, baritone
Lewei Wang, baritone
Matthew Dexter, bass-baritone
Brian Wacker, bass-baritone
David Oluwo, bass



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2023 Participants:

Sarah Fleiss, soprano
Kyle Kreucher, soprano
Eva Rae Martinez, soprano
Laura Miah Ramos, soprano
Laura Santamaría, soprano
Sophia Baete, mezzo-soprano
Megan Brilleslyper, mezzo-soprano
Christina Grohowski, mezzo-soprano
Joshua Berg, tenor
Edward Ferran, tenor
Emilio Vásquez, baritone
Olivier Zerouali, baritone
Justice Yates, bass-baritone
Arturo Fernandez, piano
Taylor Wang, piano
Lucila Zavala, soprano



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2022 Participants:

Emily Damasco, soprano
Elizabeth Hanje, soprano
Clara Luz Iranzo, soprano
Gabrielle Turgeon, soprano
Yining Xie, soprano
Camille Robles, mezzo-soprano
Cameron Weger, mezzo-soprano
Colin Aikins, tenor
Matthew Goodheart, tenor
Demetrious Sampson, tenor
Anthony Josep, baritone
Jack Nadler, baritone
Sam Dhobhany, bass-baritone
Luke Oldroyd, bass-baritone
Parker Konkle, pianist/coach
Thibaut Trouche, pianist/coach

2021 Participants:

Lauren Carroll, soprano
Sydney Dardis, soprano
Claudia Díaz, soprano
Amia Langer, soprano
Evangeline Ng, soprano
Angela Sakimpa, soprano
Jazmine Saunders, soprano
Taylor See, soprano
Olivia Smith, soprano



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2021 Participants continued:

Natalie Lewis, mezzo-soprano
Carlyle Quinn, mezzo-soprano
Benjamin P. Wenzelberg, countertenor
Antonio Domino, tenor
Angel Gomez, tenor
William Johnson, tenor
Michael McDermott, tenor
Cole Bellamy, bass-baritone
Mya King, coach/pianist
Meghan Rhoades, coach/pianist

2020 Participants:

Georgia Belmont, soprano
Magdalena Kuzma, soprano
Alexis Seminario, soprano
Anna Kelly, mezzo-soprano
Jeremiah Tyson, tenor

2019 Participants:

Yvette Keong, soprano
Mikala Laws, soprano
Milan McCray, soprano
Lindsey Reynolds, soprano
Margaret Ann Zentner, soprano
Shannon Keegan, mezzo-soprano
Jacqueline Kerns, mezzo-soprano
Madeleine Lyon, mezzo-soprano
Hannah Shea, mezzo-soprano



HoustonGrandOpera





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2019 Participants continued:

Taryn Surratt, mezzo-soprano
Emily Treigle, mezzo-soprano
Aaron Crouch, tenor
Darrius Morton, tenor
Hayden Smith, tenor
Titus Muzi, baritone
Connor Ouly, baritone

2018 Participants:

Whitney Campbell, soprano
Julianna Espinosa, soprano
Natalie Leonard, soprano
Julia Muzychenko, soprano
Jessica Niles, soprano
Elena Villalón, soprano
Vivian Wang, soprano
Rebekah Daly, mezzo-soprano
Virginia Reed, mezzo-soprano
Taryn Surratt, mezzo-soprano
Jonah Hoskins, tenor
Jose Simerilla Romero, tenor
Alexander Wunder, tenor
Blake Denson, baritone
Evan Lazdowski, bass-baritone
Deborah Robertson, pianist/coach



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2017 Participants:

Julietta Aleksanyan, soprano
Monica Music, soprano
Kathleen O'Mara, soprano
Michelle Ravitsky, soprano
Olivia Rominiyi, soprano
Rachel Shaughnessy, soprano
Kady Evanyshyn, mezzo-soprano
Jamie Groote, mezzo-soprano
Sophia Hunt, mezzo-soprano
Siphokazi Moltena, mezzo-soprano
Aaron Crouch, tenor
Jacob Ingbar, baritone
Sam Kidd, baritone
Schyler Vargas, baritone
Q Langman, pianist/coach
Ruobing Zhang, pianist/coach

2016 Participants:

Hannah Colvin, soprano
Emilie Faiella, soprano
Emily Kern, soprano
Brea Marshall, soprano
Page Michels, soprano
Anna Montgomery, soprano
Gabriella Reyes, soprano
Christina Hazen, mezzo-soprano
Julie Moore, mezzo-soprano
Isabel Signoret, mezzo-soprano
Dylan Elza, tenor



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2016 Participants continued:

Duke Kim, tenor
Angel Vargas, tenor
Zachary Futch, baritone
Nicholas Newton, baritone
Matthew Soibelman, bass

2015 Participants:

Dorothy Gal, soprano
Korynn Lacher, soprano
Anastasia Malliaras, soprano
Christine Oh, soprano
Lydia Pion, soprano
Onadek Winan, soprano
Kayleigh Decker, mezzo-soprano
Lindsay Lymer, mezzo-soprano
Laurie Ann Taylor, mezzo-soprano
Nicole Thomas, mezzo-soprano
Kameron Ghanavati, tenor
Seiyoung Kim, tenor
David Gleichman, baritone
Theo Hoffman, baritone
Stephen C. Saharic, baritone
Jake Landau, pianist/composer



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2014 Participants:

Anna Bridgman, soprano
Annalise Dzwonczyk, soprano
Kaitlyn Johnson, soprano
Cara Gabrielson, soprano
Mane Galoyan, soprano
Samantha Hankey, mezzo-soprano
Gretchen Krupp, mezzo-soprano
Meagan Martin, mezzo-soprano
Anne Marie Stanley, mezzo-soprano
Eric Ferring, tenor
Evan Johnson, tenor
Alexander McKissick, tenor
Tigran Ohanyan, tenor
Michael Hewitt, baritone
Jarret Porter, baritone
Bongani Kubheka, bass-baritone

2013 Participants:

Nicolette Book, soprano
Rebecca Pedersen, soprano
Alexandra Razskazoff, soprano
Liv Redpath, soprano
Maria Valdes, soprano
Leah Hawkins, mezzo-soprano
Kaitlyn McMonigle, mezzo-soprano
Alyssa Narum, mezzo-soprano
Megan Samarin, mezzo-soprano
Alec Carlson, tenor
Kyle Gee, tenor



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2013 Participants continued:

Ian Koziara, tenor
Makudupanyane Senaoana, tenor
Jack Swanson, tenor
Ben Edquist, baritone
Jacob Waid, baritone

2012 Participants:

Jacqueline Piccolino, soprano
Samantha Hankey, mezzo-soprano
Johnathan McCullough, baritone
Brandon Russell, tenor
Richard Smagur, tenor
Jamez McCorkle, baritone
Brendan Stone, baritone
Rhys Talbot, bass-baritone

2011 Participants:

Laura Grace Smolik, soprano
Allegra De Vita, mezzo-soprano
Clipper Hamrick, mezzo-soprano
Rafael Moras, tenor
Frederick Ballentine, baritone
Joseph Eletto, baritone
Rhémé Sloan, baritone
Nicholas Brownlee, bass-baritone