

student news and profiles

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

SUMMER 2008

SINGER OF THE YEAR WINNERS ANNOUNCED



In February 2008, twenty eight students participated in the Annual Singer of the Year Competition where undergraduate vocal music majors compete for awards, scholarships and special distinctions. For the second consecutive year, the CSU Singer of the Year was awarded to senior vocal performance major, John Lindsey. The following is a complete list of awards:

Singer of the Year: John Lindsey (pictured)
Second place (tie): Stuart Dameron, James Baumgardner
Denver Lyric Opera Guild Awards: Cody Laun, Laura Begley
Most Artistic: Clinton (C.J.) Jeffrey
Charles Edwin Taylor Award: Joshua Savage

Other semi-finalists: Rebekah Gray, Megan Pickrell, Alexandra Trosper
Most Improved: Andrew Diessner

VOCAL STUDENTS HIRED FOR MAJOR SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

For vocal students, a critical component of their education comes from professional summer engagements. After recent national and international audition competitions, the following CSU students have been hired to participate in summer programs:

Graduate Students

Deven Shaff – Central City Opera: Production Coordinator and Scheduler; Opera Fort Collins: Schuanard – La Boheme
Tracy Kaufman – Amato Opera, New Jersey: Dorabella – Cosi fan tutte; Opera Fort Collins: Musetta – La Boheme
Christine Connolley – Orvieto Musica, Italy: Art Song Festival
Sarah Wigley – Open Stage Theatre, Fort Collins: Aldonza – Man of La Mancha, Colorado Light Opera: Charlotte – A Little Night Music

Undergraduate Students

James Baumgardner – Central City Opera: Studio Artist (top three young artist program in nation)
John Lindsey – Emerald City Opera Steamboat Springs: Gaston, Alfredo (cover – main stage production)
Cody Laun - Emerald City Opera Steamboat Springs: Ferrando – Cosi fan tutte (student production)
Graham Anduri – Operafestival di Roma, Italy: Die Zauberflote – Sprecher/1st priest
Stefanie Kavas – Operafestival di Roma, Italy: Die Zauberflote – 2nd lady
Laura Begley – AIMS Festival, Austria

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