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## ***Quest for the Best* Set for March 24**

Our [annual vocal competition and reception](#) is coming on March 24, and it's shaping up to be our best yet. Some of our student contestants will be familiar to attendees of Opera Guild events, and some will be new to our audience. They will sing many beloved arias: "Mi chiamano Mimì" and "Quando m'en vo" from *La bohème*, "Una furtiva lagrima" from *L'elisir d'amore*, "Largo al factotum" and "Deh vieni, non tardar" from *The Barber of Seville*, and the Queen of the Night's aria from *The Magic Flute*, to name but a few.



As regular *Quest* patrons know, the reception following the singing is also not to be missed; enjoy great food and wine while meeting the students, faculty, and fellow opera lovers. Another favorite feature is that audience member votes determine the winners. See how your choices compare to the consensus rankings. Help us plan and save \$10 per ticket by ordering now [online](#)—only \$50 by advance purchase (\$20 for all students and for Fine Arts faculty.)

Support our students by [putting a message](#) in the *Quest* program book. Businesses can advertise and friends and family can send messages to the students and to our 2018 honoree, Stokes Tolbert. Eighth-page ads cost \$125, but donors of any amount will be listed. If you prefer you can donate anonymously. Help us reach our goal of \$10,000 in cash awards to the students. You can also donate and get tickets by phone; call Judi Hasbrouck at (520) 906-3792.



## Quest for the Best:

### Stokes Tolbert To Be Honored

We are pleased to announce that the Opera Guild's honoree at this year's *Quest for the Best* is our board member and finance committee chair, Stokes M. Tolbert. His wit and wisdom have long graced not only OGSA functions, but those of all the cultural institutions on whose boards he has served. His active life at age 94 and his continuing dedication to the Tucson community are inspirational models to all.

Stokes enjoyed a long career as an international development economist, including several years with the U.S. Agency for International Development and almost 30 years with the World Bank. He and his family lived for ten years in Asia—in India (where two of his children were born), Thailand and Indonesia.

Upon retiring from the World Bank in 1988, Stokes followed his daughter Leslie and her husband, Paul St. John, to Tucson, where they joined the UA faculty, and where he enjoys the company of not only grandchildren but two great-grandchildren. Stokes also served in leadership roles at the Nature Conservancy of Arizona, the Tucson Committee on Foreign Relations, the United Nations Association of Southern Arizona, and the Yale Club of Southern Arizona. He somehow found time to serve on the advisory boards of the Tucson Museum of Art, the UA School of Music and the UA Press. He has been a board member of the Opera Guild of Southern Arizona since 2006.

Please join us on March 24 at 1:00 p.m. in Holsclaw Hall as we present the top graduate student prize in his honor.



### Opera Guild to Preview *Das Rheingold*



The Arizona Opera Company is bringing back the gold, [presenting Das Rheingold](#) in Tucson on April 15 and 16. The Opera Guild offers a fascinating inside look of this first opera in Richard Wagner's *Ring* cycle, on April 4 and 6. The [previews](#) will be narrated by Ben Sorensen, who performed the role of Donner in Arizona Opera's *Ring* twenty years ago. Mr. Sorensen, (who arguably has sung the most bass-baritone roles with the Arizona Opera), will be presenting interesting background information about Wagner as well as an overview of "Das Rheingold."

Singing selections of the Rhinemaidens' music will be Korby Myrick as Flosshilde, Susan Stokes as Woglinde, and Betty Allen as Wellgunde. Anthony Allen-Taylor will be joining them as the Nibelung dwarf Alberich.



# Free Vocal Events at Holsclaw Hall

**Mélange – Hugo Vera, tenor**

**Michael Dauphinais, piano**

Faculty

March 16, Friday, 7:00 PM, Holsclaw Hall, free

Recitals are like a good salad. With every bite you get a different taste. Join tenor Hugo Vera with special guests Michael Dauphinais, piano; Kristen Lucas, soprano; Jamey Wright, soprano; Athena Beebe, mezzo-soprano; Mark Hockenberry, baritone; Bin Hu, guitar; Jacob Ginn, cello; Daniel Katzen, horn; Morris Palter, marimba in an evening of different “tastes” of chamber music with works by Handel, Rossini, Berlioz and Britten, among others. What will your ears “taste” next? Come and find out!

Other musical offerings in March include a competition and a master's recital.

**Amelia Rieman Opera Competition**

Student Competition

March 18, Sunday, 1:00 PM Holsclaw Hall, free

**Master's Recital**

Kyle DeGraff, tenor (2016 Quest for the Best Undergraduate First Prize)

March 24, Saturday, 7:00 PM Holsclaw Hall, free



## Upcoming Opera Events

The full calendar is available [on our website](#).

**Saturday, March 10** – MET Opera Live in HD: *Semiramide*, 11:00 AM. [Learn more](#) and get tickets to see it at a theater near you.

**Friday March 16** – Opera Guild Board Meeting 10:00 AM, Habitat for Humanity, 3501 N Mountain Ave. (520)326-1217

**Friday March 16** – Faculty Recital: *Melange*, Holsclaw Hall, 7 pm, free

**Sunday March 18** – Amelia Rieman Opera Competition, 1:00 PM Student Competition, Holsclaw Hall, free

**Saturday March 24** – *Quest for the Best*, Holsclaw Hall, 1:00 PM

**Saturday March 24** – Master's Recital: Kyle DeGraff, tenor (2016 Quest for the Best Undergraduate First Prize) Holsclaw Hall, 7 PM, free

**Saturday March 31** – MET Opera Live in HD: *Così Fan Tutte*, 10:00 AM. [Learn more](#) and get tickets to see it at a theater near you.

**Wednesday April 4** – Say Hello to Opera, *Das Rheingold*, Oro Valley Public Library, 1304 W Naranja Drive, 3 pm

**Thursday April 5, Friday April 6, Saturday April 7** – UA Opera Theater,

*Orpheus in the Underworld* (Offenbach), Crowder Hall, 7:30 pm

**Friday April 6** – Brown Bag Opera, *Das Rheingold*, Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church 2331 E. Adams St., noon

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