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Quest Winners to Sing at Member Party May 6

Don't miss our annual **free** member party, which will be graced by the voices of this year's first prize winners of the recent *Quest for the Best* (see article below). Baritone Octavio Moreno (graduate division) and soprano Emily Garcia (undergraduate) will be accompanied by pianist Kyungsun Choi. Refreshments will be served, courtesy of our Board and Hospitality Committee.

We will also vote for the offices of President, First Vice President, and Treasurer, each to serve two-year terms. The nominees are Judi Hasbrouck, Carol Garrard, and Cynthia Hagerman, respectively.



2018 Quest for the Best Top Winners

Once again, our Quest for the Best vocal competition and reception was inspiring, fun, and delicious. First prize of \$1500 in the graduate division was awarded by audience vote to baritone Octavio Moreno, who sang "Largo al factotum," from Rossini's *Il barbiere di Siviglia*. The \$1000 first place award for undergraduates went to soprano Emily Garcia, singing "Mi chiamano Mimì," from *La bohème*, by Puccini. Congratulations to all 18 singers; each received prize money toward their educational expenses.

And... mark your calendars for *Quest for the Best* 2019 on Sunday, March 24, at 2:00 p.m. in Holsclaw Hall at UA's Fred Fox School of Music building.



Free Opera Previews in Oro Valley Are Moving

Next season, our Say Hello to Opera previews of Arizona Opera productions will have a new venue in Oro Valley, but they are not moving far. Through the generosity of the Mayor and Council, Starting with the first preview of the season on September 24, 2018, the location will be the Oro Valley Town Council Chambers. The address is 11000 N. La Cañada Drive, adjacent to the Oro Valley Library. One only has to drive into the complex and go past the parking lot of the library to the building beyond.

The day of the week for the Oro Valley previews will be changing also. For the 2018—2019 season, the free previews will be on Mondays: 9/24/18, 11/5/18, 1/21/19, 2/25/19, and 4/1/19. If you have questions, you may call . We look forward to seeing you at the new location.



Upcoming Vocal Events

Senior Recital

Frannie Barrows, soprano (2018 Quest for the Best Undergraduate Second Prize)
April 28, Saturday, 7:00 PM Holsclaw Hall, free

An Evening of Opera Scenes

May 1, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Crowder Hall, \$5

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