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Meistersinger Vocal Competition

A featured event of AIMS IN GRAZ, the *Meistersinger Vocal Competition*, is open to all full-time AIMS singers. The Preliminary judging is on a Saturday (see Major Events Calendar on web site for date); a maximum of 24 Semi-Finalists will be named. Semi-final judging is on Sunday. Eight Finalists and two Alternates will be named. The eight Finalists will sing before a panel of judges at the *Meistersinger Vocal Competition* Concert, the last concert of AIMS IN GRAZ. The two alternates also will perform at the concert.

First, Second, Third and Fourth Place prizes are awarded and four Honorable mention awards are given. Cash awards for finalists and alternates total about \$4500. The audience also votes for its choice and a valuable gold "Wiener Philharmoniker" coin is presented to the "Audience Favorite".

COMPETITION RULES

1. Only full-time AIMS IN GRAZ participants with fees paid in full are eligible.
2. The deadline for submitting the official application form and paying the entry fee is 6:00 p.m. on Monday before the Preliminary Judging on Saturday.
3. The application form must have the approval signatures of the singer's *assigned* AIMS Voice Teacher, Vocal Coach *and* Diction Coach.

REPERTOIRE There is no limitation on material to be presented at the Preliminary Judging and Semi-Finals, but it should be material with orchestration. After the Finalists are announced, the competition arias to be performed will be chosen from the extensive AIMS Orchestra Library.

ENTRY FORMS will be distributed in Graz.

ENTRY FEE The entry fee is US \$44 or €30. Singers should present the official Entry Form and fee to the AIMS Bursar at the Studentenheim in Graz no later than 6:00 p.m. on Monday before the Preliminary Judging on Saturday. Please do not wait until the last minute.

JUDGING

1. Preliminary judging will be by members of the AIMS Faculty.
2. Judging of the Semi-Finals will be by members of the AIMS Faculty.
3. A panel of up to five judges will be named for the Finals; none will have been a judge in another round of the competition.

2008 DATES

1. Preliminary Auditions - Saturday, July 19, 2008. A maximum of 24 semi-finalists will be named.
2. Semi-Finalists will be heard on Sunday, July 20, 2008. Eight Finalists and two alternates will be named; competition arias must be chosen by Friday, August 1.
3. Finalists will sing one aria at *The Meistersinger Vocal Competition* on Thursday, August 14, 2008. Awards will be presented at the close of the concert. Cash awards will be available from the AIMS Bursar in Euros or as a USD check on the day after the concert.