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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 below 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 and four Honorable Mention awards are given. Cash awards for finalists and alternates total about \$5000. The audience also votes for its choice and a valuable gold "Wiener Philharmoniker" coin is presented to the "Audience Favorite".

COMPETITION RULES

1. Entry forms will be distributed in Graz.
2. Only full-time AIMS IN GRAZ participants with all AIMS fees paid-in-full are eligible.
3. The deadline to submit the application form and pay the entry fee is 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday before the Preliminary Judging on the following Saturday. See Calendar for dates.
4. The entry fee is US \$50 payable in dollars or Euros.
5. Three arias must be listed on the entry form. Only these arias can be sung by the participant during the preliminary, semi-final and final rounds of the competition.
6. The application form must have the approval signatures of the singer's *assigned* AIMS Voice Teacher and Vocal Coach.

REPERTOIRE The orchestration for the arias to be presented at the Preliminary Judging and Semi-Finals should be in the AIMS Orchestra Library. See www.aimsgraz.com/orchmusic and select "Aria List". After the Finalists are announced, the competition arias to be performed will be chosen.

JUDGING

1. Preliminary and Semi-Final judges is a panel of faculty members who must hear all entrants to participate.
2. A panel of up to five judges will be named for the Finals; none will have judged an earlier round of the competition.

2012 DATES

1. Deadline for payment of entry fee – Tuesday, July 31, 2012. Payment and forms will be accepted between 5 and 6 p.m. at the dormitory (exact location TBA).
2. Preliminary Auditions - Saturday, Aug 4, 2012. Twenty-four semi-finalists will be named.
3. Semi-Finalists will be heard on Sunday, Aug 5, 2012 from 2 to 6 p.m. Eight Finalists and two alternates will be named; competition arias must be chosen by 5 p.m. the following Thursday.
4. The 8 Finalists and 2 Alternates will sing one aria at *The Meistersinger Vocal Competition* on Thursday, August 16, 2012. Prizes and Awards will be announced at the close of the concert. Cash awards will be paid by the AIMS Bursar (in Euros or as a USD check) on Friday, August 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.