

**SINGERS' AUDITION PRESENTATION INSTRUCTIONS**  
**E.B.O.L. SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS**  
**2011 / 2012**

When the docent calls you for your audition time, **in addition to your vocal talent**, you will be judged on your presentation skills, carriage and stage presence. The following is a list of some helpful suggestions you may wish to practice:--

1. Walk directly to the front of the auditorium and give your music to the accompanist. Then, walk to the center of the presentation area, **to the top level of the stairs.**
2. Clearly state your name to the audience. (Some of our audience members have impaired hearing, so be sure to PROJECT YOUR VOICE, speak CLEARLY and SLOWLY.)
3. Tell them the name of the aria you would like to sing.
4. After your first selection, the judges MAY ask you to sing another selection. You may not be asked to sing everything you prepared. If this should be the case, do not read anything negative into this. (*Sometimes judges do not need to hear everything in order to make a decision. At other times, they may ask to hear everything in order to confirm their decision one way or the other.*) When your audition is finished, you are free to go.
5. If you are selected to compete in the FINAL COMPETITION, please wear comfortable, daytime attire (think church or dinner date). Do not wear tight, body-hugging clothing or evening wear. The judges will not want to be distracted by watching diaphragm and/or abdominal muscles doing gymnastics while you are singing.
6. You will be notified by email no later than Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> as to whether you were selected for the FINAL COMPETITION which will be held on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Zion Lutheran Church, 5201 Park Blvd., Piedmont / Oakland.
7. If you are selected for the Final Competition (and we hope you WILL be), please be prepared to sing the SAME selections you listed on your application. No changes, please! After you have finished with your audition, you are free to go, or you may sit in the back of the auditorium and listen to the remaining applicants if you wish.
8. If you should NOT be selected, please do not be discouraged. It is very difficult for the judges to choose only five singers out of so many talented young artists. You will be eligible to try again for the next season's scholarship awards if you are still within the age range.

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!**  
**GOOD LUCK AND BEST WISHES FOR YOUR FUTURE SUCCESS!**

Marilyn Kosinski, Chairman  
Young Artists Scholarship Awards