

Opera Showcase of the Desert

In association with Western Regional METropolitan Opera National Council
Requests the pleasure of your company at the 41ST Annual

SHOWCASE CONCERT AND GALA DINNER

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Bougainvillea Room, Spencer's Restaurant at the Mountain,

701 West Baristo Road, Palm Springs, CA 92262

5:30 PM – Wine & Cheese Reception

6:15 PM – Concert

7:15 PM – Awards Ceremony

7:30 – Dinner & Dancing

Event Chairs

Lilli Joseph and Marion Schaefer

Event Committee

Sidney A. Adair, Jean Carrus, Renée Glickman, Ann Greer, Suzanna Guzman, Ann Heavey,
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\$200 per person

Black Tie Optional: Complimentary Valet Parking

Showcase Concert Features

**2016 Metropolitan Opera National Council –
Western Region First Place Winners
Summer Hassan and Natalie Image
And more...**

Awards Ceremony:

**Dorothy Goldstein
2017 Mimi Rudolph Award Recipient
Renée Van Rosen
2017 Lilli Joseph Award Recipient**

Sponsorships

Gold – \$2,000

2 Gala tickets, Full page ad

Silver – \$1,500

2 Gala tickets, 1/2 page ad

Bronze – \$1,000

2 Gala tickets, 1/4 page ad

Pewter – \$500

1 Gala ticket, Program Listing



Mission Statement

To provide financial support to the Metropolitan Opera National Council Western Region
And to provide outreach and exposure to Opera to the children of the Coachella Valley

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Thank you for your support of the Opera Showcase of the Desert. We are thrilled that Western Region Winners Nicholas Brownlee (2015) made his Metropolitan Opera debut in 2016 in *Salome* and Amanda Woodbury (2014) made her debut in *Don Carlo* in 2015. Miss Woodbury also performed Leila in *Les Pecheurs de Perles* in 2016 and will perform Juliette in the new production of *Romeo et Juliette* in 2017. Amber Wagner (2007), featured in *Opera News* as one of twenty-five artists poised to break out and become a major force in classical music in the next decade, returns to the Met in 2017 to sing Senta in *Der fliegende Hollander*. In the 2015-16 season, Sondra Radvanovsky (1995) became the first artist in the history of the Met to sing all three of Donizetti's Tudor Queens in one season — the title

roles in *Anna Bolena* and *Maria Stuarta*, and Elisabetta in *Roberto Devereux*.

In association with the Western Region of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions since 1976, Opera Showcase is proud of presenting young singers in concert and of our Outreach to over 12,000 students who have seen and heard these young singers - singers who have gone on to sing at the Met and who have gone on to great operatic careers.

The significant list includes two important Met Anniversaries - Thomas Hampson (30 years), Deborah Voigt (25 years), Michelle DeYoung, Richard Bernstein, Sondra Radvanovsky, Rodell Rosel, Amber Wagner, and Janai Brugger, just to name a very few.

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