

## Soprano, Angela Gjurichanin, wins the 2022 Wallis Opera Competition



The Saskatchewan Music Festival Association (SMFA) President, Tammy Villeneuve is pleased to announce that the 2022 Gordon C. Wallis Memorial Opera Competition was won by Angela Gjurichanin. The soprano, accompanied by Paul Digout, performed works by Jules Massenet, Vincenzo Bellini and Sergei Rachmaninoff. Angela was awarded the scholarship of \$5,000 and the opportunity to be a featured soloist in an upcoming season with the Regina Symphony Orchestra and the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra.

Angela had the privilege of performing the role of Nella from *Gianni Schicchi* by Puccini with the Opera Workshop at the University of Western Ontario in March, 2021. She looks forward to joining them again, performing Adina from *L'elisir d'amore* by Donizetti, in March of 2022. She holds a Bachelor of Music Honours degree from the University of Saskatchewan and has been a part of summer programs such as Opera NUOVA, ICAV and Against the Grain Theatre's National Opera Intensive Program. Angela is honoured to be one of the recipients of the London Opera Guild Scholarships and the Western Graduate Research Scholarships.

Ten singers competed on Friday, February 25, virtually via YouTube with adjudicator comments via Zoom. The competition was judged by Mel Braun and Lara Ciekiewicz both from the University of Manitoba's Desautels Faculty of Music. Established by the late Gordon C. Wallis, former assistant director of the University of Regina, Conservatory of Music, the competition is presented by the Saskatchewan Music Festival Association and is held every two years to support young singers in further opera study.

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