# Sarofim Vocal Competition Frequently Asked Questions

If you don't find your answer here, please contact us and we'll get you an answer quickly.

#### Do I need to bring a pianist?

No. David Utterback, a member of the Southwestern University piano faculty will play for each singer. There will be a time to discuss your tempi and interpretive choices with him just before you sing.

#### Can I bring my own pianist?

No. In order to make the competition as fair as possible, all singers will perform with Professor Utterback.

#### Are practice rooms available?

Yes. There will be several practice rooms reserved for Sarofim Vocal Competition participants.

#### What time do I need to be there?

We suggest arriving at least 45 minutes before your scheduled performance time, so that you have time to warm up and prepare. Please be in the theater 15 minutes before your scheduled time.

#### Can I change my repertoire?

Yes. You may change your repertoire up until the performance time. Please email changes to sarofimvocalcomp@southwestern.edu

#### What should I wear?

Dress like you would for a job interview or audition. Young women's attire should cover knees and shoulders. Closed-toed shoes are recommended. Young men can wear suits or shirts and ties or jackets. Formal attire is not required, and casual dress is not recommended.

#### Is there a parking fee?

No. There is ample free parking on campus right next to the Sarofim School of Fine Arts.

#### Do I need to send music ahead of time?

No. Bring your music in a binder with tempi, interpretive choices, cadenzas, and cuts clearly marked. Bring one original score (or legally purchased pdf) of each song for the judges.

#### Can my parents, family, or teacher watch me perform?

Yes. The competition is free and open to the public.

## **Can I record my performance?**

No. Audio and video recording and photography are not allowed during the competition. Participants will have a chance to take photographs on the stage after the competition.

# Is lunch provided?

No. There is a campus cafeteria just a short walk away and several good restaurant options in Georgetown.

## Are accommodations provided?

No. Singers must find their own accommodations if staying overnight.

# Whom do I contact for other questions?

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