



SCHOOL OF MUSIC, THEATRE & DANCE

GEORGE SHIRLEY VOCAL COMPETITION

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Winners Concert

A Concert of Songs and Spirituals by African American Composers

May 17, 2025 | 8:00 p.m. | Britton Recital Hall

15th Annual George Shirley Vocal Competition

The University of Michigan - School of Music, Theatre, and Dance

Welcome by Louise Toppin, Director and co-founder of GSVC

Welcome from Dr. Kate Fitzpatrick-Harnish, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Affairs

Introduction to the Minnesota Opera initiatives-Dr. Darius Gilliard, Vice-President, Impact for Minnesota Opera

International Division

Spring

Florence Price

Giedrė Kisieliūtė, soprano

1st prize: \$900

Sponsored by Videmus and Patrice Eaton

The Kashmiri Song from *Five Songs of Laurence Hope*

Harry T. Burleigh

Gerald Franklin, baritone

The Harry T. Burleigh Art Song Prize (International Division): \$150

Sponsored by the Harry T. Burleigh Legacy Foundation

High School Division – accompanied by Dr. Kathryn Goodson

I Dream a World

Rosephanye Powell

Danielle Douglas, soprano, Conestoga High School, Berwyn, PA

Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal

Harry T. Burleigh

Isabella Edmonds-Hogan, soprano, Finton High School, Finton, MI

O, Night of Dream and Wonder from *Saracen Songs*

Harry T. Burleigh

Caley Gracey, mezzo-soprano, Avondale Senior High School, Auburn Hills, MI

Love from *Five Black Songs*

Mark Fax

Evangeline Jarvi, mezzo soprano, Grosse Pointe North High School, Groose Pointe, MI

For You There is No Song

H. Leslie Adams

Ari Mandel, tenor, Morristown-Beard School, Morristown, NJ

Prayer from *Nightsongs*

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William Perkins, tenor, Detroit School of Arts, Detroit, MI



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The Year's At the Spring

Lena McLin

Nia'Rae Smith, soprano, Detroit School of the Arts, Detroit, MI

Composers Division

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Ty Bloomfield

Nicole Joseph, soprano; Muse Ye, piano

"Only in Dreams" from *Grief*

Brittney Benton

Myah Paden, mezzo soprano

Sarah Thune, piano

Collegiate Division

Hold Fast to Dreams

Florence Price

Tiara Abraham, soprano, Indiana University

Muse Ye, piano

Jean

Harry T. Burleigh

Lazuli Clark, bass, University of Cincinnati

Muse Ye, piano

The Young Warrior

Harry T. Burleigh

Jaden Douglas, baritone, University of Michigan

Sarah Thune, piano

Grief

William Grant Still

Jackson Hagood, tenor, Hope College

Sarah Thune, piano

To Sit and Dream

Rosephanye Powell

Joshua McMiller, baritone, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Sarah Thune, piano

Once a Little Child from *Highway One, U.S.A.*

William Grant Still

Kayla Sconiers, mezzo soprano, University of Cincinnati

Sarah Thune, piano

Pre-Professional Division

Sence You Went Away from *Night Songs*

H. Leslie Adams

Justin Bell, tenor, Jersey City, NJ

John Morefield, pianist

A Dream Wasted from *Highway One, U.S.A.*

William Grant Still

Lwazi Dlamini, baritone, Dallas, TX

Taylor Flowers, pianist



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Louder Than Words from *Civil Rights Songs*

Jorell Williams

Audrianna Hughes, mezzo soprano, Lexington, KY
John Morefield, pianist

The Negro Speaks of Rivers

Margaret Bonds

Myah Paden, mezzo soprano, Seattle, WA
John Morefield, pianist

Ride on, King Jesus

Nansi Carroll

David Pelino, tenor, Washington, DC
Taylor Flowers, piano

Peace Out, My Brother

Donal Fox

Sarah Rosales, soprano, Cedar Rapids, IA
John Morefield, pianist

A Love Song from *A Love Cycle*

Marques Garrett

Andrew Smith, bass, Washington, DC
Taylor Flowers, piano

What Does He Know of Dreams? from *Highway One, U.S.A.*

William Grant Still

Bo Shimmin, tenor, Tucson, AZ
Taylor Flowers, pianist

'Til I Wake from *Five Songs of Laurence Hope*

Harry T. Burleigh
Candace Williams, soprano, Cincinnati, OH
Taylor Flowers, piano

A Boy of Peculiar Grace from *Fire Shut Up in My Bones*

Terrence Blanchard

Justice Yates, baritone, New Haven, CT
John Morefield, pianist