

Sara and Las Savell Vocal Competition

Finals: January 25, 2026 in Memphis, TN

Deadline for entry – Monday, January 12, 2026, 11:00 p.m. CST

Finalists will be notified by Sunday, January 18, 2026

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Beethoven Club, 263 S. McLean Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104

2026 Guidelines

The Beethoven Club of Memphis is proud to announce the 6th Biennial Las and Sara Savell Vocal Competition. This competition is designed to provide financial awards and professional encouragement to singers of classical repertoire from Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas between the ages of 19 and 28.

Categories and Awards

Young Artist Ages 24 – 28

- First Prize Young Artist Division (ages 24-28) – \$750
- Second Prize Young Artist Division (ages 24-28) – \$200
- Third Prize Young Artist Division (ages 24-28) – \$150

Student Ages 19 – 23

- First Prize Student Division (ages 19-23) – \$250
- Second Prize Student Division (ages 19-23) – \$100
- Third Prize Student Division (ages 19-23) – \$50

Requirements Entry Form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MH98BL9>

This competition is open to classical singers who have completed a minimum of two semesters of college study in voice in an accredited music department. Applicants must be ages 19-28 by January 24, 2026. Deadline for entry and payment of entry fee is Monday, January 12, 2026 at 11:00 p.m. CST. Each application form must be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of \$35 for Young Artists division and \$25 for Student division. Payment must be made through the PayPal button link at www.beethovenclubmemphis.org/vocalcomp26entry.html. Be sure to pull the menu to the correct division.

Applicants must be prepared to perform three selections from memory, one of which must be in English. Works must be from the standard classical art song or aria literature. Each applicant must have at least two (2) different languages represented.

Finalist Screening

Each applicant must include links to the three (3) YouTube videos of their selections. These must be separate, unedited videos. Each video should begin with this introduction, “I will sing—Title of Composition—by—Composer—and if appropriate— from—Title of Work.” Upload to youtube.com. Be

sure to upload YouTube videos as public. If it is listed as private the judges will not be able to access it. Applicants will be screened on beauty of voice, technical skill, musicality, accuracy, and presentation. Finalists will be notified January 18, 2026.

Finals

Finals will be held at The Beethoven Club of Memphis in Memphis, TN. If you are selected as a finalist, you have 24 hours to confirm your participation. Finalists must audition in person before a panel of judges. Finalist auditions are closed to the public. Finalists must provide their own pianist. We are happy to provide a list of local pianists if needed.

Winners will be announced by January 26, 2026 at: www.beethovenclubmemphis.org.

Prizes

In addition to the monetary prizes, winners will be invited to perform in a live concert sponsored by the Beethoven Club in 2026.

Please send questions or comments to beethovenclubmemphis@gmail.com or call 901-493-0958 or 901-274-2504.