

## Non-Classical Voice Guidelines

### I want to apply! Am I eligible to participate?

1. Are you enrolled in a high school, approved independent study, or home school program at the application deadline? **OR** If you attend a correspondence school, do you live in Southern California?
2. Do you live in any of the following counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Diego?

### If you answered YES to both questions, you are eligible!

#### Other notes of interest:

- Previous grand prize finalists are **not** eligible
- Previous participants, semifinalists, and honorable mentions **are** eligible
- If you have any relationship with a Spotlight judge (family, friend, or instructor) please let us know. Not sharing this information may result in disqualification.
- You can apply to more than one category; however you will only be allowed to advance to finals in one, determined by which category you advance to the finals first.
- **You can only have one audition per category.** If you create multiple accounts to schedule more than one audition in a category, you may be disqualified

**For International Students:** In order to be eligible to receive scholarship and/or prize money, students must have a Social Security Number (SSN) or United States Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN). The processing time required to receive an SSN or ITIN can take several weeks. International students applying for the Spotlight program are strongly encouraged to apply for an SSN or ITIN at the same time. Please contact the Spotlight office if you have any questions.

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### What's required of me for my Non-Classical Voice Audition?

- All students begin with a Preliminary One audition. Those scoring highest will advance to Preliminary Two auditions in January. Those scoring highest after Preliminary Two will advance to the Semifinals
- **Each song must not exceed 3 minutes.** This may require eliminating repeats. The fact that you do not sing a piece in its entirety will not be held against you in judging
- You will be asked to sing one song in its entirety and a portion of your second. You must be prepared to sing both songs all the way through, if asked
- Your songs may be in the style of pop, jazz, country, gospel, musical theater, or foreign language songs
- You may sing one song in one style and your second song in a different style. As an example, your first song may be a musical theater song and your second song may be a pop song, etc
- Operettas are not allowed
- Select songs that are appropriate for your age and vocal ability. Please be sure your lyrics are appropriate for the family audience that will attend the gala performance should you advance to the finals
- Please show your personality and character
- You may sing with a tape, CD or your own accompanist
- If selected as a finalist, the choice of song for the finals will be decided by the semifinal judges