



## Scholarship “Best of South East”

**2019/20 and 2020/21**

In cooperation with: Steiermärkische Sparkasse – University of Music and Performing Arts Graz (KUG) – Oper Graz – Musikverein für Steiermark (Bank of Styria, University for Music and Performing Arts in Graz, Opera Graz, Music Society of Styria)

### Goal of the Scholarship Program

This programme offers the opportunity to the many talented candidates in the South-Eastern region of Europe to combine an international education and training with relevant professional experience.

### Target Candidates

Students enrolled in courses of voice and vocal studies from the following countries who are interested in pursuing a study programme offered at KUG will receive a scholarship for four semesters to complete a course of study (Voice, Concert Singing, Opera Performance) and a practical training in Graz: Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and Macedonia.

### Study Course

The scholarship holders are given the opportunity to enroll in a regular course of studies at KUG (Bachelor’s programme Voice, Master’s programme Voice, Master’s programme Concert Singing or Master’s programme Opera Performance).

## **Type of Practical Training**

The practicum consists of an artistic and/or management training course in the second year of the scholarship programme, to be defined on an individual basis, and held at the Graz Opera House and/or the Musikverein für Steiermark.

## **Requirements**

- Completion of an artistic course of study (similar to one offered at KUG) at a tertiary education institution in one of the above-mentioned countries, or a course of study that is already in the final third section of the appropriate curriculum (This corresponds to the 5th semester in a Bachelor's program lasting 8 semesters).
- Above average evaluations in subjects that correspond to those offered at KUG.
- Knowledge of German according to the appropriate KUG curricula:
  - o BA Voice: B1 before the start of the third semester
  - o MA Voice: B2 before the start of the second semester
  - o MA Concert Singing: B2 before the start of the second semester
  - o MA Opera Performance: B2 before the start of the second semester  
(It is recommended that candidates acquire German-language proficiency in their home countries before beginning their studies in Graz)
- Maximum age: 27 years
- This scholarship program is dedicated to students who are not enrolled at the University of Music and Performing Arts Graz (KUG).

## **Application Requirements**

- The completed application form. Please use capital letters only.
- Study Confirmation
- Diploma Supplement and Transcript of Records
- A recorded performance (DVD, MP3, MP4, WAV or YouTube-link) of three songs/arias from different historical periods. Candidates are required to perform at least one German Lied or one aria sung in German. Video recordings must show the applicant's entire body (long shot) and must be uncut and unedited.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Personal statement/letter of motivation in essay form in German or English (max. 2 pages)

- Two letters of recommendation (one of them of a member of the rectorate of the university)
- Copy of the identity page of your passport

### **Application deadline**

- 25 April 2019

### **Selection Process**

- The screening of suitable candidates on the basis of the recordings takes place through the Vice Rector Studies and Teaching in consultation with the appropriate artistic persons in the relevant central artistic subject or subjects and with representatives of the Opera Graz and Musikverein für Steiermark. The final selections will be based on the audition at the Opera Graz and on the entrance exams, to which representatives of the Steiermärkische Sparkasse will be invited as co-opted members. The entrance exams will presumably take place on 2 and 3 July 2019, the audition at the Opera Graz will take place on 29 May 2019.

### **Scholarship Amount**

The size of the stipend for each candidate amounts to EUR 9,000 for each year of study. The scholarship holders must obtain the following items for themselves: student health insurance, residence permit and visa.

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