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PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

I am pleased to report to the membership of the Art Song Foundation of Canada for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2022, summarizing our activities over the preceding twelve months.

With the relaxing of Covid restrictions and restoration of many art song programs internationally, the Foundation received an unparalleled 39 applications from singers and pianists, 33 of whom were awarded bursaries totalling a record \$23,425. The 2022 recipients were:

Olivier Bergeron	Baritone	Atelier Lyrique, Verbier Festival, Switzerland	\$1,000
Jérémie Morency	Piano	Francis Poulenc Academy, France	\$1,000
Thomas Viñals	Tenor	Francis Poulenc Academy, France	\$800
Odile Portugais	Mezzo-Soprano	Francis Poulenc Academy, France	\$300
Hakim Boudaa	Piano	Liedkunst im Schloss, Germany	\$950
Anika-France Forget	Soprano	Lied Festival Zeist, Holland	\$800
Rosane Lajoie	Piano	Lied Festival Zeist, Holland	\$800
Alexa Frankian	Soprano	SongFest, San Francisco	\$1,000
Gina Lee	Piano	SongFest, San Francisco	\$1,000
Alyssa Bartholomew	Soprano	SongFest, San Francisco	\$900
Abigail Sinclair	Soprano	SongFest, San Francisco	\$800
Alex Wang	Piano	SongFest, San Francisco	\$800
Emily Rocha	Soprano	SongFest, San Francisco	\$750
Jeffery Liu	Tenor	SongFest, San Francisco	\$750
Daria Tereshchenko	Soprano	SongFest, San Francisco	\$700
Sarah Richardson	Soprano	SongFest, San Francisco	\$650
Gwyneth Rix	Soprano	SongFest, San Francisco	\$500
Anna Wojcik	Soprano	SongFest, San Francisco	\$500
Wesley Harrison	Tenor	Barachois Summer Music Academy, New Brunswick	\$850
Gabrielle Côté-Picard	Soprano	Barachois Summer Music Academy, New Brunswick	\$800
Elisabeta Cojocar	Piano	Barachois Summer Music Academy, New Brunswick	\$800
Kristen English	Soprano	Barachois Summer Music Academy, New Brunswick	\$650
Jenine Evans	Piano	Barachois Summer Music Academy, New Brunswick	\$600
Robyn Perry	Soprano	Barachois Summer Music Academy, New Brunswick	\$250
Lauren Estey	Soprano	Stratford Vocal Academy	\$750
Gavin Yeomans	Piano	Stratford Vocal Academy	\$700
Danielle Girard	Soprano	Source Song Festival, Minneapolis	\$750
Martine Jomphe	Piano	Musique Sur Mer, Caraquet, New Brunswick	\$500
Katherine Mayba	Soprano	Ukrainian Art Song Summer Institute, Toronto	\$900
Taryn Plater	Mezzo-Soprano	Ukrainian Art Song Summer Institute, Toronto	\$650
Yanina Kosivanova	Soprano	Ukrainian Art Song Summer Institute, Toronto	\$400
Charlotte Vigneault	Soprano	Académie du Domaine Forget, Quebec	\$500
Indra Egan	Piano	Orford Sumer Music Festival, Québec	\$325

The ASFC Endowment Fund, established in December, 2019, continues to perform relatively well, given the current global markets. This fund is held in perpetuity by the Ontario Arts Foundation. Annual distributions from the OAF are based on a 3-year average. To that end, the ASFC enjoyed a 'normal' annual payout this year, despite the economic downturn. The board again opted to roll this payout back into the fund.

We are grateful to our illustrious board member, baritone Brett Polegato, who has continued this year to edit the Foundation's quarterly online magazine, *Art Song Canada*, presenting articles from passionate and articulate professionals in diverse areas of our beloved art form. Subscriptions remain strong. The link is available on our website, where you can read all past issues.

Last year's promotional video advertisement of the Foundation and its work was helpful in disseminating knowledge about our organization and soliciting donations. The video is still available to view on our website, and we encourage you to share it with your friends and fellow music lovers.

I thank all the members of the board for their generous contributions of their time and expertise to our unique and gratifying enterprise. Françoise Sutton is as ever, our treasured patroness as well as one of our honorary directors.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Robbin, O.C., President
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