



SEMIFINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2017 AMERICAN TRADITIONS VOCAL COMPETITION

SAVANNAH, GA – February 23, 2017 – On Wednesday night, the American Traditions Vocal Competition (ATC) announced the talented artists selected by the judges to advance to the Semifinals, which begin today.

There have been many awe-inspiring performances throughout the competition week, including performances by ATC judges Andrew Lippa, Sylvia McNair and Kurt Ollmann. Contestants have dazzled audiences and judges with a range of music from nine different genres, including blues, jazz, modern cabaret, opera, art song, folk, gospel, and country and western.

The semifinalists will compete for spots in the finals by singing their next sets of three songs each at 4 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23 at Skidaway Island United Methodist Church, 54 Diamond Causeway in Savannah. The remaining contestants are (in alphabetical order):

Julie Benko

Brian Giebler

Gillian Hassert

Katherine Henly

Kisma Jordan

Sarah Mesko

Aundi Marie Moore

Christia Nastasi

Brittany Proia

Rachel Sparrow

Nikki Switzer

Dara Tucker

All-day passes to the semifinals cost \$30 each and can be purchased by visiting www.americantraditionscompetition.com or www.hostsouthes.com/atc. Online ticket sales close four hours prior to the start of each event. For last-minute ticket purchases, please call the box office at The Savannah Theatre at 912-233-7764. The 2017 ATC will move to the Historic Savannah Theatre on Friday, Feb. 24 with a free master class at 3 p.m. and the finals at 8 p.m.

“This year’s competition has been splendid so far with stunning performances not only by our amazingly talented artists, but also our impressive line-up of judges,” ATC Board President Danny Cohen said. “You don’t want to miss seeing tomorrow’s vocal superstars perform here in our beautiful Savannah community.”

To learn more about the ATC – a world renowned nonprofit organization which was established to provide a forum for showcasing tomorrow’s vocal talents and to celebrate the diverse repertoire of standard, classic American music - please visit www.americantraditionscompetition.com.

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