

OperaMania Finalists

Seattle Opera is pleased to announce that the twelve finalists have been selected for the radio show and ongoing competition *OperaMania!* created by Seattle Opera and Classical KING FM 98.1. The OperaManiacs were chosen from five Puget Sound high schools at a live knowledge competition in November. The Seattle Opera Guild awarded all twelve high school students a pair of tickets to matinees of *Don Pasquale*, *Norma*, and *Fidelio*. In the November qualifying rounds, Kati Fallon of Newport High School won a prize for the best written exam, and Woodinville High School won the prize for the highest-scoring school. *OperaMania!* airs just prior to the Metropolitan Opera broadcasts on each Saturday morning on Classical KING FM 98.1.

The twelve 2002/2003 OperaManiacs are:

Andrew Ly, 17 year-old senior at Garfield High School, Seattle, WA
Elspeth Taylor, 17 year-old senior at Garfield High School, Seattle, WA
Melvin Donaldson, 14 year-old freshman at Newport High School, Bellevue, WA
Kati Fallon, 16 year-old sophomore at Newport High School, Bellevue, WA
Justin Hill, 17 year-old junior at Nova, Seattle, WA
Josh Neuhauser, 15 year-old sophomore at Nova, Seattle, WA
Marryy Scarey, 15 year-old sophomore at Nova, Seattle, WA
Walter Smith, 17 year-old junior at Nova, Seattle, WA
Bryan Cattle, 18 year-old senior at Woodinville High School, Woodinville, WA
Joanne de Mars, 17 year-old senior at Woodinville High School, Woodinville, WA
Kyle Maddex, 17 year-old senior at Woodinville High School, Woodinville, WA
Naomi Vaughan, 17 year-old senior at Woodinville High School, Woodinville, WA

OperaMania! is hosted and produced by KING FM's Marta Zekan (the popular DJ known to "Classic Kid FM" listeners), Seattle Opera Education Director Perry Lorenzo, and Seattle Opera Education Associate Jonathan Dean.

The top twelve students advanced to the *OperaMania!* elimination heats, which will be broadcast from now through April 19, 2003, on Classical KING FM 98.1.

The *OperaMania!* finals will be broadcast April 26 to May 10 as one student is eliminated each week. The final round will air on May 10, 2003, on Classical KING FM 98.1.