

2019 Summer Sponsorship Opportunities

Please check the circles next to your sponsorship preferences, then complete the donor information on the reverse.

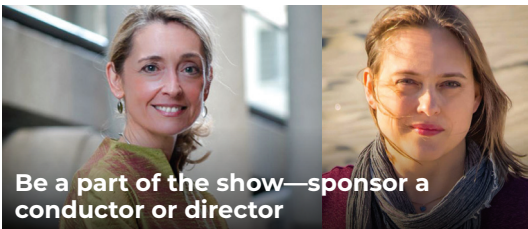


**Support the next generation—
sponsor an artist scholarship**

As a Merola Scholarship Sponsor, you help cover travel expenses, coaching, housing expenses, and weekly stipends for a young artist as well as his or her training in languages, musical style, movement, and vocal technique. Artists will be assigned to their sponsors before May 24, 2019.

- Angel \$1,850
- Guardian \$2,150
- Maestro \$2,700
- Patron \$3,500
- Diamond \$10,000

Benefits: Sponsor listing in Merola publications; invitation for two to attend the Sponsors Reception with the artists; plus a year from now, the ability to say "I knew them when..."



**Be a part of the show—sponsor a
conductor or director**

Co-sponsor the conductor or director of the Schwabacher Summer Concert or the Merola Grand Finale

Schwabacher Summer Concert

- Craig Keir, Conductor \$2,500
- Jose Maria Condemni, Director 🎵 \$2,500

Merola Grand Finale

- George Manahan, Conductor \$2,500

Exclusive Sponsorship for each of the above artists may be available for \$10,000.

Up to four co-sponsors may be allowed for each artist.

**Help bring a new opera to life—
co-sponsor the conductor or director of
Merola's first world premiere**

Contribute to the housing, travel, and engagement fees for the conductor or director of *If I Were You*.

If I Were You

- Nicole Paiement, Conductor \$5,000
- Keturah Stickann, Director \$5,000

Exclusive Sponsorship for each of the above artists may be available for \$20,000.

Up to four co-sponsors may be allowed for each artist. Call (415) 936-2321 for details.

Conductor and director co-sponsor benefits:

Invitation for two to attend the Sponsors Reception with the artists, a sponsor recognition in performance programs, and two tickets to a final dress rehearsal of that production.



**Ensure world-class training—
co-sponsor a master teacher**

Help the young artists learn from the best. You will be contributing toward the travel and housing of a 2019 master teacher, as well as private coachings and public master classes by that teacher. Please designate your master teacher(s) to co-sponsor:

- Jane Eaglen (June 13) \$2,500
- Warren Jones (June 19) \$2,500
- Kevin Murphy (June 27) \$2,500
- Bill Burden (August 8) \$2,500
- Martin Katz \$2,500
- Stephen Blier \$2,500
- Alan Darling \$2,500
- César Ulloa \$2,500

Exclusive Sponsorship for each of the above teachers may be available for \$10,000.

Up to four co-sponsors may be allowed for each teacher. (Dates shown are public master classes.)

Benefits: Invitation for two to attend the Sponsors Reception with the artists; listing on master class program cover; reserved seating at the class for you and three guests; a personal introduction to the master teacher that night.

If the master teacher is not participating in a public master class, Premiere Sponsors (\$5,000) receive an invitation to a private master class with the teacher and Merolini.



**Show your passion for fashion—
fund performance attire**

Looking their absolute best onstage is essential to our young artists' careers. Your donation will help purchase gowns, tuxedos, shoes, accessories, or cover alteration costs. Artists will keep the new attire provided to them by Merola for future recitals and auditions.

Artist's Attire: \$300 each x _____ Merolini

If you have questions about these or other opportunities, please call (415) 936-2321.

NOTES

- Sponsorships are limited and are on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Sponsors at the \$1,850 level and above will be invited to a special Sponsors Reception with the artists.
- Gifts listed on this form are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Your Merola Benefit Level will include sponsorships, membership, and all other applicable donations made between October 1, 2018, and September 30, 2019.
- Merola 2019 faculty and personnel listed on this page are subject to change.

LEGEND

- ★ Reservations required
- 🎵 Former Merolini
- ◆ Special Event with reception following the master class—tickets are sold as a fundraiser for Merola. You and three guests will receive all co-sponsorship benefits listed and spaces to the post-class reception.
- ✗ No public master class

PHOTO CAPTIONS

This page, clockwise from top left:

Patricia Westley at the 2018 Merola Grand Finale.

Master Class with Martin Katz and Alexandra Urquiola, 2018.

Xingwa Hao and Alice Chung at the Schwabacher Summer Concert, 2017.

Nicole Paiement, Conductor, and Keturah Stickann, Director, for *If I Were You*.

Reverse, left to right:

Bernice Lindstrom and Kendra Berentsen, 2018.

David Stein and Phyllis Kempner with SeokJong Baek, 2018.

Performance photos by Kristen Loken Photography.

Keturah Stickann photo by Joseph Gaines.

Nicole Paiement photo courtesy of Nicole Paiement.



Additional Opportunities

Enjoy the pleasure of their company— sponsor artists at Merola events

Donate \$175 to cover the cost of an artist's attendance at all of the following summer events: Meet the Merolini, A Special Evening with a Master Teacher, Day at Merola lunch, and the Merola Grand Finale Reception.

Artist attendance: \$175 each x _____ Merolini

Invest in Merola alumni—support Career Grants

By donating to the Merola Career Grant Fund, you directly help former Merolini travel to their next audition or competition, take voice classes with a master, or even pose for new headshots—all essential for furthering a career in opera!

Any amount: \$ _____

Keep Merola vital—make a general membership gift

Haven't made your membership gift yet this year? Pledge your support and ensure that you don't miss any wonderful benefits during the summer. If you've already made a gift this year, please consider an additional gift at any level to support training for the class of 2019.

General Support for Merola Fiscal Year 2019: \$ _____

Benefit: Membership credit and associated benefits.

Co-Sponsor a cast party

Help the Merolini celebrate their hard work by letting them celebrate and relax at a cast party.

Cast party co-sponsor: \$2,000 each x _____

Donor Information

NAME (AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN SPONSORSHIP LISTINGS)

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

DAY PHONE

EMAIL

If my chosen sponsorship opportunity is not available,

My second choice is: _____

Please allocate my gift where most needed.

Frequently Asked Questions

Am I required to do anything as a sponsor?

No, but you may wish to introduce yourself to the artist you are providing a scholarship for and often sponsors ask their sponsorees to dinner or to join them for an event (this is completely optional for both parties). Even if you don't attend events and never meet your sponsorees, you will still have a connection and enjoy watching his or her career progress.

Does a sponsorship gift affect my membership level?

Yes, in general, donations to Merola are all combined to give you the highest donor level possible.

Example: If you made a \$650 gift in October and now make a \$1,850 gift to sponsor a Merolini, your combined donor level is \$2,500 (Gold Circle) and that level will be noted on the benefit booklet mailed to you in the spring.

Is a sponsorship gift a donation?

Yes, most of your gift will be considered a donation for tax purposes as the law allows. Any tangible benefits that you receive from us, such as tickets to a production or reception, may lower the total amount that is tax-deductible. This amount will be referenced in the footnote of your acknowledgment letter. Please consult a tax professional.

If you have questions about these or other opportunities please call (415) 936-2321.

Please return this form in the enclosed envelope before April 15, 2019, or email to akessler@merola.org.

All installments must be received by September 30, 2019.

Payment Information

Total sponsorship and/or membership gift: \$ _____

Check enclosed, payable to: Merola Opera Program

Please charge my: Visa Mastercard Amex

CARD NUMBER

EXP. DATE

NAME ON CARD

SIGNATURE

Please bill the above credit card in _____ monthly installments to fulfill the amount I have indicated.