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## **Young Artists Preparatory Program**

The Musical Arts Center's *Young Artists Preparatory Program*, Cincinnati's premiere training program for serious singers, is designed especially for high school students and taught exclusively through the Musical Arts Center.

The Young Artists Preparatory Program is an 8 ½ month performance-based program designed to develop exceptional young performers between 13-18 years of age through improvisation, mock auditions, movement, musical preparation, and dramatic interpretation of scenes from opera and musical theater within a small group setting. This culminates in public performances of the opera and musical theater scenes in mid-June.

Saturday afternoon classes meet two to three times a month from October through February, and weekly beginning in March through May to prepare the mid-June Scenes Program – a requirement for all participants. Tuition for the program is \$900.00 per year, payable in three equal installments of \$300.00.

In order to qualify, you must have a minimum of 12 months of private voice instruction, continue private study through the year, and maintain a 3.0 grade average. Previous stage experience is not required, though basic musical skills are helpful.

Audition requirements are: two contrasting songs (one classical preferred but not required) and a short monologue of approximately one minute in length. All selections should be memorized. An accompanist will be provided (please, no taped accompaniments). You will need to fill out the enclosed YAPP application form. The two recommendation forms must be completed by at least one music teacher and one other adult. You may include an updated resume in addition to our forms. *These materials should be brought with you to the audition.*

Thank you for your consideration.

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Director of Young Artists Preparatory Program

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