About Classical Voice

If you are interested in degree programs which require classical vocal training (Performance, Bachelor of Arts, Composition) you must audition for the Classical Voice Division. Those interested in Music Education (Choral Education, Elementary Music Education) do not need to send a DVD; you will audition after completing the gateway course for Music Education (Music 176: Introduction to careers in Music Education. See http://music.byu.edu for more information). Other degree programs (Music/Dance/Theater, Media Music, Sound Recording Technology) require a separate audition. Please contact those areas directly for that information. (rbmusic@byu.edu)

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Pre-screening:
All vocal students auditioning for the BM in Vocal Performance or BM in Composition MUST complete the pre-screening process. This process includes the following:

1. Complete the online School of Music application and letter(s) of recommendation at http://music.byu.edu/apply.
2. Submit an audition recording (DVD or VHS only). The recording must be postmarked by December 1. Please see the audition requirements on the next page for instructions on what to prepare.
3. Prospective students who pass the pre-screening process will be invited to perform a live audition on audition day (the last Saturday in January). Only the students who have completed the application process – including the recording, application, and letters of recommendation – by December 1 will be considered in the pre-screening process for the live auditions in January.

ADMISSION, APPLICATION & AUDITION DATES, FALL 2013

December 1: Postmark deadline for pre-screening audition recordings. Deadline to COMPLETE the online application at http://music.byu.edu/apply.
January 9: Those invited to campus for a live audition will be notified. Those invited who cannot attend live auditions will still be considered for the program.
January 21: Deadline to schedule a live audition if invited after pre-screening. Auditions can be scheduled online after both the application and recommendation have been received by the School of Music office.
January 26: Live auditions are held in the Harris Fine Arts Center (HFAC) at BYU in Provo, Utah. You should plan to take the Aural Skills Exam on that day (before or after you audition).

To apply, visit http://music.byu.edu/apply.
For general information, see the School of Music website http://music.byu.edu.
Questions may be emailed to music@byu.edu or call the School of Music at 801-422-8903.

Graduate applicants: Please contact Diane Reich at 801-422-8949 or diane_reich@byu.edu

Please feel free to contact Dr. Lawrence Vincent at 801-422-3165 or lawrence_vincent@byu.edu regarding questions you may have about the classical voice area.
AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

WHAT TO PREPARE:
1. Prepare three pieces of contrasting nature (styles, tempo, mood, language) that explore your most successful classical vocal repertoire. At least one of these selections must be in English. Include literature that demonstrates any language proficiency in addition to English. Sing your best pieces first.

2. If your three selections do not fully demonstrate the integration and limits of your full-voiced pitch range, you may wish to conclude with a series of vocalises that do. The voice faculty may, additionally, ask you to sing a brief portion of a well-known hymn that shows ability to sing with sense of centered pitch.

3. Remember to complete the application online at http://music.byu.edu/apply.

VOCAL AUDITION DVD TIPS:
A standard DVD will suffice; a studio produced DVD is not required. However, consider the following tips for DVDs:
• Find a location that shows the voice - is not too live, but has some reverberation to allow the voice to ring.
• Dress as if for a live audition. Nice Sunday dress is appropriate.
• Have music well prepared and memorized.
• Sing the best piece first—you want to capture the attention of the listeners immediately, and not save the best for last. Choose pieces that show your best singing, and also a contrast of styles.

WHERE TO SEND YOUR DVD:
School of Music Admissions
Brigham Young University
C-550 HFAC
Provo UT 84602-6410

LIVE AUDITION INFORMATION:
If you are invited to the live audition, be aware of the following: You will select your first song, and the jury will choose from among the other songs you have prepared to complete your audition. A skilled accompanist will be provided; or you may bring your own. Only those auditioning are allowed in the audition studio.
### Studio Faculty

#### J. Arden Hopkin, Professor, Voice

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Arden Hopkin is the Division Coordinator of Vocal Studies at BYU and teaches studio voice and vocal pedagogy in the School of Music, where he spends much of his time training the next generation of voice teachers. His publications include the article “Vowel Equalization,” in the *Journal of Singing*, and *The Art Song In Latin America* [Pendragon Press, 1998], an anthology of Twentieth-Century songs from South and Central America, on which he collaborated. Fluent in Spanish, he maintains an active interest in the vocal music of Spain and Latin America, having performed in Brazil, Peru, Chile, and Mexico. In 2001, Scarecrow Press published his book *Songs for Young Singers, an Annotated List for Developing Voices*. For more information, please see the School of Music website, [http://music.byu.edu](http://music.byu.edu).

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Lawrence Vincent is presently a professor of music and the Director of Opera. Dr. Vincent began his professional operatic career in New York City with the Boris Goldovsky Opera Co. In 1982, he moved to Europe where he was engaged as lyric tenor in Trier, Germany. In 1987, he accepted a contract with the Vienna Volksoper and from 1991 to 1996, he was a member of the prestigious Vienna State Opera solo ensemble. His repertoire includes major roles in over 45 different operas and operettas and he has more than 1200 stage appearances to his credit. As a result of his “extraordinary contribution to the arts in the field of music”, Dr. Vincent was awarded Austrian citizenship in 1994. For more information, please see the School of Music website, [http://music.byu.edu](http://music.byu.edu).

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Diane Thueson Reich, soprano, is a professor of voice, and teaches Survey of Opera and Vocal Literature. She has previously taught and been the Director of Opera at Central Washington University. At home in the concert hall or opera stage she has appeared in major operatic roles, soloed with established symphonies, and been a guest artist and clinician with a number of music festivals in the northwest. Diane’s research endeavors have led her to be a leading authority on the vocal music of contemporary composer Henry Mollicone. For more information, please see the School of Music website, [http://music.byu.edu](http://music.byu.edu).

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