

Regina-born singer Wins Wallis Opera Competition



Meara Conway

Meara Conway's performance impressed judges Valdine Anderson of Winnipeg and Kim Mattice Wanat of Edmonton on Saturday, November 20, 2010 so much; they awarded her the \$5,000 prize in the Gordon C. Wallis Memorial Opera Competition.

The Regina-born singer performed works by Chausson, Handel and Stravinsky in a hotly contested all-female competition. The competition was established by the late Gordon C. Wallis, former assistant director of the University of Regina Conservatory of Music and is presented by the Saskatchewan Music Festival Association. It is held every two years, alternating between Saskatoon and Regina and is intended to support young singers in further studies in opera.

Recipient of the Maureen Forrester Award, Soprano Meara Conway completed her Masters degree in Opera Performance at McGill University. Winner of the Canadian National Music Festival Competition and a Schulich Academic Scholar, she began attending law school at McGill University in fall of 2009 and continues to study and perform opera intensively across Canada.

Winning the Wallis competition provides Conway with the opportunity to perform with the Regina and Saskatoon symphonies in an upcoming season.

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