

Press Release

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New £10,000 Chilcott Award for Singers

The Chilcott Award is a new £10,000 award for British opera singers between the ages of 23 and 33.

The Award is offered by The Susan Chilcott Scholarship, an independent charity set up in 2005 in memory of Susan Chilcott, one of the outstanding singers of her generation, who died from cancer in 2003 aged 40.

The Chilcott Award, offered biennially, replaces the Susan Chilcott Scholarships, offered annually, which since 2005 have helped over 50 young singers.

The Chilcott Award will instead be offered to a single singer who, in the eyes of the panel, shows outstanding international potential. The Award is specifically designed to enable advanced training or career development.

Iain Burnside, Chair of the Susan Chilcott Scholarship comments:

"In awarding the Susan Chilcott Scholarships over the past six years we have all been struck by the depth of talent in young British singers. Our new Chilcott Award is about identifying an emerging UK artist who, like Sue herself, has the potential to make an international impact within the world of opera. In singing, the devil is in the detail, and we all realise that careers are the product of years of hard work. Our hope is that this new award will facilitate this hard work, and give a significant hand up to a major young artist."

The first Chilcott Award will be made in 2012, with applications now sought (closing date: 9 January 2012) and selected applicants invited for audition and interview in Spring 2012. Full details at: www.royalphilharmonicsociety.org.uk

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