

The Solti Foundation U.S. Awards 2012

The Solti Foundation U.S. was established in 2000 in order to honor the memory of Sir Georg Solti by lending significant support to career-ready young American musicians. In 2004, the Foundation concentrated the focus of its award program to exclusively assist talented young American conductors early in their professional careers. Winners have been awarded substantial grants and have received door-opening introductions to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Lyric Opera of Chicago and Chicago Opera Theater.

The Solti Foundation U.S. Career Development Award (\$5,000)

Please note: Several finalist candidates may be considered for a **Solti U.S. Career Assistance Award**. This may include: transportation expenses; financial support for language studies; creation of demonstration DVDs; or other worthy projects. The Artistic and Awards Committee will determine how many of these awards will be given as well as the amount of financial aid. Awardees will be notified by the committee and may be asked to supply additional information. Unsolicited applications will not be accepted.

Criteria for Application

Applicants must be:

- A career-ready artist in the field of conducting
- Developing a career as a symphonic/operatic conductor
- A citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.
- No more than 32 years of age as of January 15, 2012

The award will be based on the following:

- Professional experience in the field of conducting
- Demonstration of advanced conducting technique
- A written proposal for use of the funds (see Application Requirements)

Additional Information

- Applications will be reviewed by a panel of professionals with broad musical and conducting experience.
- Recipients are required to submit regular reports to the Foundation and may be asked to appear at a Foundation event.
- The Foundation reserves the right to request additional information considered necessary to evaluate applications, e.g., additional personal references, current financial circumstances and evidence of stated qualifications.
- The Artistic and Awards Committee reserves the right not to award the grant in a given year.
- Although no appeals will be entertained, unsuccessful applicants may resubmit in the next applicable year a revised application which addresses the concerns of the committee. It will be considered in accordance with normal procedures.

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Application Requirements

The following should be included with the application:

- Completed **Application Form** (3 copies)
- **Curriculum Vitae** (3 copies), including details of a) all post-secondary musical education; b) all awards, grants and other recognition; and c) all professional engagements, past and future
- Three typed **References** (1 each) from professional musicians or teachers, one of whom must be a coach or conductor in a major American musical venue

Note: References must comment on the applicant's significant musical experience and skills, and career potential as a symphonic/operatic conductor. Those referring must be cognizant of the applicant's request for The Solti Foundation U.S. funding.

- Non-refundable application fee of \$40.00 (check or money order made out to *The Solti Foundation U.S.*)
- A recent **photograph** (original plus 2 copies)
- A **DVD recording** (3 copies) of approximately 30 minutes in length

Note: Selections should include rehearsal conducting and whenever possible, live performance.

- A **written statement** (3 copies) proposing use of The Solti Foundation U.S. funds toward development as a conductor

Note: Proposals must be typed and one to two pages in length. Grant monies may only be used for expenses incurred after the award is made.

- Three photocopies of your current **U.S. passport** or document showing permanent resident status in the U.S.

Recording Requirements

- Please ensure that the camera is focused closely on you (front view only). It is important that the committee be able to see and hear you clearly.
- Please provide details of all repertoire featured in the recording.
- Please ensure that disks used are compatible with DVD players used in the United States. *Note: Disks submitted from other regions cannot be viewed and will therefore disqualify your application.*

Submitting the Application

- Applications may not be handwritten. Please submit three copies of the complete application (including DVDs).
- Applications must be received by January 15, 2012. Please send applications to:

The Solti Foundation U.S.
1490 Chicago Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201

- For inquiries, please contact Fiona Queen at (847) 448-8329 or fqueen@musicinst.org.

Application Form

Personal Details:

Last Name:

Given Names:

Age as of January 15, 2012:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Home Phone:

Other Phone (please specify):

Email:

References: (please submit the written references with your application.)

Name

Position & Institution

Contact Phone Number

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Education & Achievements

In addition to your curriculum vitae, please list the most relevant for each category.

Post-secondary musical education

Awards, grants and other recognition

Professional engagements

Please attach curriculum vitae and career development proposal.

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