

## SPOTLIGHT Semifinal Judges – Program Year 2018

### Acting

**GAI JONES** - Founder of CA Youth in Theatre. Regional Director of Educational Theatre Association.

**LEE TAYLOR-ALLAN** - Actor, teacher and lecturer. Off Broadway, Young Playwright's Festival, Yale Drama.

**SUSAN WIEDER** - Casting Director for theater, film and television.

**MICHAEL LEON WOOLEY** - Broadway, film and TV actor - voice of Louis in Disney's *The Princess and the Frog*.

**CHRISTOPHER YOUNGSMAN** - Broadway: *Urinetown*, *Grease!*, *Gypsy*, *Hair*, *Forever Plaid*. TV: Tony Awards. Film: *Across the Universe*.

### Ballet

**JUKKA AROMAA** - Former Principal: New York City Ballet, Finnish National Ballet, Deutsche Oper am Rhein Dusseldorf.

**LESLIE CAROTHERS-AROMAA** - Former Principal: Joffrey Ballet, Pennsylvania Ballet.

**ELLEN BAUER** - Former Soloist/Principal: National Ballet of Canada, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Los Angeles Ballet.

**LORIN JOHNSON** - Former Dancer: San Francisco Ballet, American Ballet Theater. Faculty: Cal State Long Beach.

**RACHAEL S. MOORE** - President and CEO, The Music Center; Former member and Executive Director: American Ballet Theatre.

### Classical Instrumental

**DR. JOHN BURDETT** - Faculty: Azusa Pacific University, Director Instrumental Studies, Director of Bands and Graduate Music Education.

**DR. SUSAN HELFTER** - Artist; Faculty: USC, Chair, Music Teaching & Learning Dept., Director, Thornton Community Engagement.

**U-JUNG JUNG** - Pianist and Organist; Adjunct Faculty: Chapman University. The Juilliard School BA, MA.

**DANIEL WACHS** - Faculty and Orchestra Director: Chapman University. Leads Orange County Youth Symphony Orchestra.

**DR. LEIF WOODWARD** - Cello performances with LA Musica Angelica, American Bach Soloists, LA Master Chorale.

### Classical Voice

**PATRICIA GEE** - Artist; Faculty: Chapman University, University of Redlands, Operafestival di Roma.

**MARY LEVIN CUTLER** - Fellow of the American Institute of Fine Arts; Opera Judge for Zachary Opera Auditions.

**DR. RAEJIN LEE** - Artist; Faculty and Director of Vocal Studies, La Sierra University.

**MARCO SCHINDELMANN** - Artist; Faculty and Director of University Opera, University of Redlands.

### Jazz Instrumental

**DAVID ARNAY** - Pianist, Composer; Faculty: USC, Jazz Studies and Popular Music; Pasadena City College.

**ZANE CARNEY** - Guitarist, Singer, Songwriter. Performances with John Mayer, CARNEY, Stevie Wonder, Keith Urban.

**THOMAS LUER** - Saxophonist; Performances with Poncho Sanchez, Queen Latifah. Faculty: Cal Poly Pomona; University of North Texas.

**DAN LUTZ** - Bassist, toured with various artists; played on countless sessions for commercials, movies, and TV.

**DAN SCHNELLE** - Drummer, performing, recording or collaborating with Anthony Wilson, Josh Nelson, Larry Goldings, Gilad Hekselman, Laurence Hobgood, Walter Smith III, Joshua White, John Daversa, Dayna Stephens, Billy Childs.

### Non-Classical Dance

**SHAUNA BARGER** - Former Dancer: Hubbard Street Dance.

**JERRY EVANS** - Dancer/Choreographer/Director. Awards: American Choreographers Award. Founder: JLE Media Group Inc.

**DEE KAYE KLEGA** - Co-founder: *Teatro Electrico* Dance, Italy. Lead Dancer: *Canali 5*, the *Rai* in Italy.

**EBONY RUFFIN** - Dancer/Choreographer/Educator - Manager of Professional Development, The Music Center, Education Department.

**MIKE WEIR** - Principal Dancer: Omaha Ballet Company, Manning Freed Dance Theater. Broadway/Tours: *Evita*, *A Chorus Line*.

### Non-Classical Voice

**BARRETT FOA** - Stars in CBS series NCIS Los Angeles. Broadway: *Avenue Q*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Mamma Mia!*

**ILENE GRAFF** - Grammy-nominated CD: *Baby's Broadway Lullabies*. Broadway: *Promises, Promises*, *Grease*. TV: *Mr. Belvedere*.

**ANGELA PUPELLO** - Broadway: *Grease!*, *Saturday Night Fever*, *The Drowsy Chaperone* and Grammy-nominated album.

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