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.
LESLEY 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.
THOMAS LERU - 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 Electrio Dance, Italy. Lead Dancer: Canali 5, the Rai in Italy.
EBONY RUFFIN - Dancer/Choreographer/Educator - Manager of Professional Development, The Music Center, Education Department.

Non-Classical Voice
BARRETT FOA - Stars in CBS series NCIS Los Angeles. Broadway: Avenue Q, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Mamma Mia!
ANGELA PUPELLO - Broadway: Grease!, Saturday Night Fever, The Drowsy Chaperone and Grammy-nominated album.
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