

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

**THE MUSICAL
STAGE CO.**

**THE 2017-18
SYD & SHIRLEY BANKS PRIZE
FOR EMERGING MUSICAL
THEATRE ARTISTIS**

The Syd and Shirley Banks Prize for Emerging Musical Theatre Artists generously provides two musical theatre artists the opportunity to advance their careers through financial assistance, mentorship and increased exposure.

The Prize:

1. A \$1,000 cash prize
2. A cabaret created by and starring both winners
3. A featured role in our *UnCovered: Dylan & Springsteen* concert
Each year The Musical Stage Company produces a concert that pays tribute to a non-musical theatre artist by re-imagining their songs. The two Syd & Shirley Banks Prize winners will have the opportunity to perform in the concert, alongside Canada's finest musical theatre artists. *UnCovered* will take place November 14-16, 2017 at Koerner Hall and November 23 at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre.
4. Mentorship with industry experts throughout the 2017/18 season
The two winners will be invited to observe rehearsals and receive mentorship from artists appearing in the season. Winners will also receive behind-the-scenes access and can use Musical Stage Company resources to meet with other industry professionals to learn more about creative processes, tailored specifically to the winners' interests.

This opportunity is open to both Equity members and non-members who are emerging musical theatre artists under 30 years of age, and who are under-exposed in Toronto and its surrounding areas. The two artists selected for this prize will be contracted under the Independent Theatre Agreement.

We are actively seeking submissions from actors of all backgrounds, abilities, and ethnicities and we are committed to diversity and inclusion within this submission process.

SUBMISSION & AUDITION INFORMATION

Please submit the following:

HEADSHOT, COVER LETTER & RESUME

to Robyn Hoja (Production Coordinator) at robyn@musicalstagecompany.com

With the subject line BANKS PRIZE SUBMISSION

Submission Deadline: August 11th, 2017 at 5PM

Audition Date: August 27th, 2017 (all day)

Callback Date: September 5th, 2017 (evening)

PAST
WINNERS
INCLUDE

Jahlen Barnes
(2017 DORA WINNER)

Brittany Banks
(SINGER / SONGWRITER)

Alessia Lupiano
(ANNE & GILBERT
CHARLOTTETOWN FESTIVAL)

Jordan Till
(STRATFORD FESTIVAL)

Andres Sierra
(SINGER / SONGWRITER)

Arinea Hermans
(2017 DORA NOMINEE)

Colin Simmons
(STRATFORD FESTIVAL)

Graham Scott Fleming
(MISS SAIGON on BROADWAY)

Dana Jean Pheonix
(SINGER / SONGWRITER)

Alexis Gordon
(STRATFORD FESTIVAL)