



AUDITION NOTICE:
New York Festival of Song & Caramoor
Vocal Rising Stars Young Artist Auditions

NYFOS is seeking **mezzo-sopranos**, **tenors**, and **baritones** for the Schwab Vocal Rising Stars Program, a week-long residency in Katonah, NY, culminating in two concerts, one at Caramoor (in Katonah) on March 7, 2027, and one in at Merkin Hall in New York City on March 9, 2027.

Program Dates

March 1, 2027 - March 9, 2027

Application Deadline

September 15

Program Information

Steven Blier and Bénédicte Jourdois are the artistic directors, coaches, and mentors. Four singers and a pianist spend the week on site, working every day on the music—a unique, in-depth exploration of the songs on the program. Caramoor’s gardens provide a retreat from the noise of the city for a week of communion and study. This year’s concert is entitled “Guilty Pleasures”, and the music ranges from Brahms and Poulenc to John Jacob Niles and Irving Berlin.

The participants in the program will receive an honorarium. Caramoor will provide breakfast and lunch. The artists will be reimbursed for all travel expenses and housed at Caramoor during the residency. NYFOS will cover the expense of a New York hotel, if required by any of the participants between the Caramoor and Merkin Hall performances.

Past VRS singers have included Julia Bullock, Paul Appleby, John Brancy, Corinne Winters, Liv Redpath, Theo Hoffman, Joëlle Harvey, and Miles Mykkanen.

Age Limit

28

Required materials to submit via email to info@nyfos.org

Resumé, headshot, and recommendation letter from a teacher/coach/director

Links to video or audio recordings of 3-5 songs (at least one song on video is required).

One song must be in English; popular song or musical theater welcomed.

A note from the Artistic Directors: “Given the nature of this program, we’d like to hear you sing in French and German—and any other languages where you feel you express yourself most freely.”

Feel free to submit any other videos or recordings that represent you best, including arias.

We will arrange live callback auditions in New York City on a rolling basis at a mutually agreeable time with applicants under consideration for the program.

For more information about NYFOS and our directors: <https://nyfos.org/about/>