

**NFMC MARTHA MARCKS MACK JUNIOR VOCAL AWARD**  
**\$1500\* - First Place, \$500\* - Second Place**  
**Rules and Requirements**

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The Martha Marcks Mack Junior Vocal Award was established in 2013 to honor Martha Marcks Mack of Kuhnsville, PA. The award will be given each year to a deserving and talented singer in High School grades 10, 11, 12 for the purpose of further musical study. The goal of this award is to encourage young singers toward a musical career.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Talented young singers who are or who become members of the National Federation of Music Clubs may enter this competition. Applicants:

1. Must be a member of the National Federation of Music Clubs through Junior Club/Junior Associate Group affiliation or as an Individual Junior Member;
2. Must be in High School grades 10, 11, 12, and or must not reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday as of *March 1* of the audition year;
3. Must be native citizens of the United States of America, or must have received naturalization papers (applicant or applicant's parents).

**APPLICATIONS:**

The applicant must pay the \$10 entry fee on the NFMC website, [www.nfmc-music.org/payment](http://www.nfmc-music.org/payment) or by check made payable to the National Federation of Music Clubs. The required material can be uploaded to the NFMC website, [www.nfmc-music.org/applicant-file-upload](http://www.nfmc-music.org/applicant-file-upload), or mail 2 copies of the completed application form, 3 copies of the repertoire list, 3 CDs of the required repertoire, *to be postmarked March 1* the year of the competition, to the National Chair listed below. Membership can be obtained by paying dues online at [www.nfmc-music.org/payment](http://www.nfmc-music.org/payment). Membership applications are available from NFMC Headquarters, online, or from the national chair.

**AUDITION CD:**

Applicants will send 3 copies of the CD to the national chair for adjudication by a panel of distinguished authorities in the field of voice.

1. The recording must be of high quality, not necessarily professional, and the CDs must be playable in an audio player. Titles and composers of the pieces must be placed on the CDs.
2. Applicants must sing a program of five songs, 15-20 minutes (maximum) in length.
3. All music must be performed from memory.
4. All songs must include live piano accompaniment. No *a capella* performances.

**REPERTOIRE:**

1. An aria or art song in Italian from the Baroque or Classical period
2. An aria or art song in Italian, German, or French from the Classical, Romantic, or 20<sup>th</sup> Century period
3. An art song in English
4. A musical theater song
5. An American patriotic or folk song

## GUIDE FOR THE REPERTOIRE:

A few examples of repertoire are listed. This is not a required list; it is provided simply as an aid in choosing types of material to be performed.

1. The **aria or art song in Italian** should be from or comparable to the repertoire in *Twenty-Four Italian Art Songs and Arias*. Examples: "O cessate di piagarmi", "Amarilli, mia bella", "Nel cor piu non mi sento", "Quella fiamma" from *Twenty-Four Italian Art Songs and Arias*. "Care selve", "V' adoro, pupille", "Bel piacere" by Handel.
2. The **aria or art song in Italian, German, or French** should show contrast from Requirement #1. It should be from the Classical, Romantic or 20<sup>th</sup> Century period. Examples: an aria or art song by Mozart (Italian or German) or Bellini; a French art song by Faure', Debussy, Ravel, Hahn, or Duparc; a German art song by Schubert, Schumann, Wolf, or Strauss.
3. **Art song in English**. Examples: Female Art Song - "O Black Swan" by Menotti, "If Music be the Food of Love" by Beck; Male Art Song - "It Was a Lover and His Lass" by Finzi, "Early in the Morning" by Rorem. See Note.

Note: Applicants are encouraged but not required to use the *Federation Festivals Bulletin*. Refer to the Musically Advanced levels for English Art Song and Musical Theater repertoire. Some titles are from opera or operetta, and are considered acceptable options. A current bulletin is available for purchase through National Headquarters.

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