

SHERRILL MILNES VOICE PROGRAMS

Other 2026 New York Gala Events

A Conversation with... the 2026 Milnes VOICE Awardees

Tuesday, May 5 | 4:00 p.m.

National Opera Center | 330 7th Ave 7th Floor

with Maria Zouves, emcee

Michael Ching, Fabrizio Melano, and Carol Vaness join Maria in a 60-minute Q&A about their prestigious careers, perspectives on the art form, and answering questions curated from around the globe.

Milnes VOICE Scholarship Competition

Thursday, May 7 | 6:00 p.m.

National Opera Center | 330 7th Ave 7th Floor

with Sherrill Milnes, master clinician

sponsored in part by the Tom Lysaught Scholarship Fund

Singers work with Milnes in front of a live audience to compete for a full scholarship to attend the 2026 Milnes VOICE Studio as part of the Savannah VOICE Festival in August.

VOICE @ Don't Tell Mama

Saturday, May 9 | 4:00 p.m.

Don't Tell Mama @ NYC | 343 W 46th St

featuring the Milnes VOICE Artists

VOICE alumni gather for a concert in an intimate and iconic cabaret venue to celebrate the legacy of opera, musical theatre and song.

Maria Zouves hosts this one-of-a-kind event!

For more information about these events visit
voicexperiencefoundation.org/voice-gala or call 855.766.7372

2026 Sherrill Milnes *Voice Gala* Celebrating Legacy

Wednesday, May 6
The Harmonie Club
New York City

*An elegant evening
honoring this year's Milnes VOICE Awardees
Michael Ching, composer
Fabrizio Melano, stage director
& Carol Vaness, soprano*

**Proceeds to benefit scholarships for the
2026 Sherrill Milnes VOICE Programs**

The Milnes VOICE Awardees

Michael Ching

A composer, conductor, librettist, songwriter, and opera administrator, Ching is known for his innovative and accessible works. He has served as SMVP's own composer-in-residence and has created bridges between traditional opera and modern works.



Fabrizio Melano

From Callas to Pavarotti, Melano has worked with the greatest artists of all time. His stage direction at the Metropolitan Opera and other great theaters of the world has established him as an international legend.



Carol Vaness

Vaness is part of the golden age of opera. This legendary lyric soprano has sung on the world's biggest stages and concert halls as well as having appeared on many television specials. Known for her iconic Mozart roles, she is now a highly sought after educator and mentor.



About the Milnes Programs & VOICE Gala

The Sherrill Milnes VOICE Programs (SMVP) perpetuate the legacy of the classical vocal arts through life-changing intensives, performances, and community outreach events in New York, Florida, and Georgia.

The VOICE Gala celebrates the legacy of our art form. It recognizes and pays homage to the tireless work from the great artists, educators, producers and presenters of VOICE. This fund raiser, which allows net proceeds to go to artists scholarships of the season, is a very important and meaningful way to ensure the next generation of artists and art lovers alike thrive. This annual event is a VOICE family gathering -- a time of reunion, sharing, and partaking in joy.

We hope you will join us in making this memory.

2026 Voice Gala

Celebrating Legacy

Wednesday | May 6, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.
The Harmonie Club | 4 East 60th Street | New York

Hosted by
Maria Zouves & Sherrill Milnes

6:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception

7:00 p.m. Dinner

8:00 p.m. Award Ceremony & Performances

Special guests, performers & presenters include
*Angel Blue, David Friedman, James Morris,
Heather Randall, Susan Quittmeyer, George Shirley,
Diana Soviero, Neil Shicoff, & distinguished alumni of VOICE*

Dr. Garry & Susan Spector, Gala chairs

Levels of Support

Bernstein Ticket - \$650

Puccini Sponsor (1 ticket) - \$2,000 | (2 tickets) - \$3,500

Verdi Scholarship Sponsor (1 ticket) - \$5,000 | (2 tickets) - \$6,500

Rossini Table (table of 8) - \$15,000 | Legacy Sponsor - \$25,000

Please RSVP by April 17th | Formal Attire

2026 VOICE Gala | Wednesday, May 6, 6:00 p.m. at the Harmonie Club

Please indicate quantity in the provided blank.

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

___ Bernstein Ticket - \$650

1 guest ticket to the 2026 VOICE Gala and access to "A Conversation with..." on Tuesday, May 5.

___ Puccini Sponsor - \$2,000 (individual) 1 ticket

\$3,500 (individual plus guest) 2 tickets

All of the above, plus program listing and exclusive access to attend the Milnes VOICE Scholarship Competition, Thurs. May 7.

___ Verdi Scholarship Sponsor - \$5,000 (individual) 1 ticket

\$6,500 (individual plus guest) 2 tickets

This ticket gives a scholarship to a young artist to attend the 2026 Milnes VOICE Studio, plus access for a Studio Artist to attend VOICE Gala. Benefits include all of the above, plus an artist seated near you.

TABLES

___ Rossini Table (table of 8) - \$15,000

All of the above, plus premium table for you and 7 additional seats at the 2026 VOICE Gala.

___ Legacy Sponsor - \$25,000

All of the above, plus a seat at your table for one of our legendary guests.

See invitation for full event details.

All but \$350 per person attending is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

I am unable to attend but have enclosed my gift as indicated below:

___ **\$4,000 Artist Scholarship** - Support the study of the operatic art form by providing a scholarship to help an artist attend the Milnes VOICE Studio summer program in August. Your name will be listed in our summer program book as a scholarship donor.

___ **\$350 Artist Ticket** - Allows a Milnes Studio Artist to attend the 2026 VOICE Gala.

___ **I would like to donate another amount \$**_____

___ *I would like to make my donation in memory/honor of* _____

Total Amount (including other side) \$_____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ *State:* _____ *Zip:* _____

Phone: _____ *Email:* _____

To pay by credit card, please call 855.766.7372.

For questions, please call **855.766.7372** or email **info@voicexperiencefoundation.org**

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