

Press Release

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FIVE SINGERS ANNOUNCED FOR THE FINAL OF BBC CARDIFF SINGER OF THE WORLD 2015 FROM UKRAINE, USA, MONGOLIA, BELARUS & SOUTH KOREA

Nadine Koutcher, a 32 year old singer from Belarus was chosen as the winner of Round 4 of **BBC Cardiff Singer of the World 2015** last night (Thursday, June 18). Nadine joins Round 1 winner Oleksiy Palchykov from Ukraine, Round 2 winner Lauren Michelle from the USA, and Round 3 winner Amartuvshin Enkhbat from Mongolia to perform in the final in front of the distinguished jury and live audience at St David's Hall, Cardiff on Sunday, June 21.

Joining the line-up of young opera stars will be the judges' choice of Wild Card Jongmin Park, a 28 year old from South Korea.

The singers will perform their choice of repertoire and will be accompanied by the BBC National Orchestra of Wales conducted by Thomas Søndergård and Martyn Brabbins. The winner of the main prize will receive £15,000 and the Cardiff Trophy.

From the nearly 350 who auditioned, the 20 competitors who came to Cardiff to perform have now been whittled down to five. Judging the main prize will be the distinguished panel: Chairman, David Pountney, John Fiore, Soile Isokoski, Claron McFadden and Dennis O'Neill.

BBC Four's coverage of the Final is presented from St David's Hall, Cardiff by Petroc Trelawny and Angel Blue on June 21 at 7.30pm. Petroc is joined by Welsh soprano Elin Manahan Thomas and Christopher Maltman, the English baritone who won the Lieder Prize in 1997.

Iain Burnside will be ringside for BBC Radio 3 joined by soprano Susan Bullock for expert commentary on all the action, eager to find out which one of the talented young singers will be taking the glittering title. On BBC Radio Cymru, Siân Pari Huws, Alwyn Humphreys and Beti George present The Final live at 7pm, while full coverage will also be on BBC Radio Wales with Wynne Evans and Nicola Heywood Thomas from 7.30pm.

BBC Cardiff Singer of the World is organised by BBC Wales in association with Welsh National Opera and supported by the City and Council of Cardiff.

BBC Cardiff Singer of the World 2015: The Final

Sunday, June 21, BBC Four, 7.30pm

Sunday, June 21, BBC Radio 3, 7.30pm

Sunday, June 21, BBC Radio Wales, 7.30pm

Sunday, June 21, BBC Radio Cymru, 7pm

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