

Course Description

In the picturesque setting of the German Harz Mountains, in a beautiful villa, Doreen DeFeis and James Hooper will be presenting an intensive Vocal Master Class in the Belcanto technique. We will be working with each singer individually as well as collectively in the class. Each singer will also have the opportunity to work with our pianist on their repertoire. The scope of the Master Class includes Opera, Operetta and Lieder. The main emphasis will be on singing a free and beautiful legato line. The course is for young singers who are preparing to audition for conservatories, advanced students and young professionals. The course will be presented in cooperation with the Chamber Orchestra of Wernigerode.

On the final day of the course, Saturday, March 22, the course participants will present a public concert. Each singer will have the opportunity to be awarded prizes.

1. First prize will be a performance with the Chamber Orchestra.
2. Second prize will be a solo or duo concert with piano in the wonderful castle setting.

Application Requirements:

Each singer must send a copy of a CD or Mp3 with an example of his or her singing, a short biography and a photo. This should be sent no later than the 7th of February 2014 to the directors of the course: Doreen DeFeis and James Hooper, Bleicherstrasse 6, 31137 Hildesheim, Germany . Email Address is: doreen.defeis@freenet.de

Registration:

After the directors have made the decision on who will be accepted, those selected must send 500 Euros for the course fee which includes 7 overnight stays with breakfast to:

Doreen DeFeis
Sparkasse Hildesheim
Konto-Nr. 34663442
BLZ: 25950130

The course begins on Monday, March 17th but the participants can arrive from the night before, Sunday, March 16th.