**PARTNERS IN EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Opera Volunteers International is a nonprofit volunteer organization that advocates for and supports volunteerism in opera throughout North America and beyond.

Opera Volunteers International annually recognizes and honors individuals and groups in several categories:

* **Individuals** who have given extraordinary volunteer service to opera in their communities *(Member Groups in good standing may nominate one candidate annually, but* ***awards are given only once to any one individual.)***
* **Groups** that are observing an important milestone or anniversary.

**Necessary Documentation for Partners in Excellence Nominations**

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| **Individual Nominee** | **Group Milestone or Anniversary** |
| Completed PIE Nomination Form | Completed Group PIE Nomination Form |
| Letters of Recommendation | Letters of Recommendation |
| Photograph of Nominee (quality resolution for our Newsletter, Website, Social | Photo of Group, Group Logo, (quality resolution for Newsletter, Website, Social |

Be sure your group’s membership in OVI is current before submitting a nomination.

**Submit by February 15, 2025**

**Email to:**

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**2025 INDIVIDUAL NOMINATION FORM**

**Simply type in your responses inside this Word Document**

**Name of Candidate**

Address:

City:

State/Province: Zip/Postal Code:

Telephone: E-mail:

**OVI Group Sponsor:**   
Primary Contact:   
Address:   
City

State/Province Zip/Postal Code   
Phone E-mail

**Summary of Nominee Qualifications**

Please attach a separate sheet explaining the Candidate’s qualifications in 250 words or fewer; one page will be ideal. Please provide specific examples, if possible.

**Letters of Recommendation**

Two additional letters of recommendation are required from senior, appropriate, involved persons who are familiar with the person or organization being nominated. Examples might include volunteer group president, opera company senior management or company board leadership, or persons in educational or community leadership positions.

**OVI would like to help you spread the word about your Partner in Excellence Award.  
To whom should we send a brief press release?  
  
Please provide your OVI Group Member’s Publicity Contact and their email/contact information**