



## Davidson Fellow Laureate

### Devon Guthrie

(\$50,000 Scholarship Recipient)



#### Personal Info

Devon Guthrie

Age: 16

Claremont, Calif.

#### School, College and Career Plans

Devon will finish her senior year of high school at St. Lucy's Priory High School and graduate in the Class of 2004. Upon graduation, she plans to attend Pepperdine University and major in vocal performance. After attaining her undergraduate degree, Devon looks forward to attending graduate school at a major music conservatory followed by study in a major opera company's apprentice program.

#### Davidson Fellows Submission *(Music-Vocalist)*

Devon compiled a moving vocalist portfolio entitled "An American Quartet: Poet, Composer, Singer, and Pianist" in which she performed songs based on the poetry of Emily Dickinson, Edna St. Vincent Millay and Langston Hughes set to music by American composers such as Aaron Copland, Richard Hundley, Jake Heggie and Ricky Gordon. Devon's work speaks to the fundamental value of music in American culture.

#### Biography

Devon first sang on the stage at age six in a summer workshop at The Grove in Upland, California. Since then, she has performed across the country and on national television as both a soloist and with other noted vocalists such as Josh Groban and Daniel Rodriguez.

As a soloist, Devon has accompanied the Young Musician's Foundation Debut Orchestra, the South Coast Symphony and the Pendleton 1<sup>st</sup> Division Marine Band. She has also appeared in numerous musicals including "The Quilters," Mary in the Crystal Cathedral's "Glory of Christmas," and the Nightingale in Opera Pacific's "The Empress and the Nightingale."

Devon began studying Classical repertoire four years ago at the Vocal Power Academy and has since been coached by a number of master vocalists. Devon performs Baroque, Romantic and Contemporary music. In addition, she has a special affinity for the music of American composers.

When she's not singing, Devon enjoys swing dancing and attending Renaissance Faires.

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**Honors/Awards**

- 2003 Davidson Fellow Laureate
- 2003, 2001 Los Angeles Music Center Spotlight Award, Semi-Finalist
- 2003 California State Thespian Festival, Solo Voice First Place
- 2001 Southwestern Youth Music Festival, Open Voice and American First Place
- 2001 British Arts Awards - London, England; Senior Voice First Place
- 2000 South Coast Symphony Young Stars of the Future, Classical Vocal Division

**Community Activities**

Devon developed a music outreach program for elementary school children called “A Kid Taking Music to Kids.” Through this program, she conducts assemblies or classroom presentations talking about and demonstrating music from Mozart to contemporary composers. One goal of Devon’s outreach efforts is to broaden the musical experience of elementary school children.

She is involved in events honoring both active military personnel and veterans of the armed forces. She has performed with the 1<sup>st</sup> Division Marine Band and at the Los Alamitos Armed Forces Training Center and the Los Angeles Veterans Administration Hospital. She has also worked as a volunteer at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games and at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital.

Devon keeps an active performance schedule that includes special appearances with symphony orchestras, recitals at retirement homes, church services, award dinners, outreach programs at elementary schools and library telethons.

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