



## Opera de San Miguel announces the finalists of the XVI Concurso San Miguel 2025

### FINALISTS

After hearing 78 singers during three days of auditions, from January 7 to 9, 2025, Ópera de San Miguel announces the 8 finalists for the XVI Concurso San Miguel, which will take place on March 1, 2025 at the Angela Peralta Theater. They are:

**Luis Ángel Gómez Juárez**, Countertenor, age 27, from Acapulco, Guerrero  
**Rodolfo Ituarte Castro**, Baritone, age 26, from Tijuana, Baja California  
**Alejandro Hernández Pacheco**, Tenor, age 26, from Mazatlán, Sinaloa  
**Mayela Sarahí López Santillán**, Mezzo-soprano, age 32, from Guadalajara, Jalisco  
**Jacqueline del Rocío Medina Pérez\***, Soprano, age 26, from San Luis Potosí, SLP  
**Teresita del Carmen Mena Salinas**, Mezzo-soprano, age 28, from Mexico City  
**Génesis Betania Moreno González**, Soprano, age 30, from Caracas, Venezuela  
**Élida Abigaíl Rocha Elizarrarás**, Mezzo-soprano, age 28, from Torreón, Coahuila

\*Winner of the Opera de San Miguel Award at the 41th Carlo Morelli National Voice Competition

### SPECIAL GUESTS

These are young singers with great potential who could be future finalists. This year, they are invited to participate during Concurso week, attending all master classes and lectures, and they will have two opportunities to sing, at the gala dinner for our donors, and at the grand finale, during the judges' deliberations. They are:

**Ana Paula Espinoza Pavolvich**, Soprano, age 23, from Hermosillo, Sonora  
**Brandon Rufino Castillo**, Tenor, age 25, from Acámbaro, Guanajuato

### ALTERNATES

All of the exceptional singers in the following list demonstrated the talent necessary to be finalists so, in the event that a finalist is unable to participate, an alternate will be chosen from this list. They are:

**Luis Alberto Galicia Mixquititla**, Tenor, age 27, from Cuautla, Morelos

**Alicia Gomezcaña Dávila**, Soprano, age 25, from Chiapa de Corzo, Chiapas

**Christopher Rubén González Arellanes**, Tenor, age 27, from Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz

**Ana Graciela Guiza Arredondo**, Mezzo-Soprano, age 31, from Puruándiro, Michoacán

**Minerva Hernández Elizarrarás**, Soprano, age 29, from Ciudad Cuauhtémoc, Chihuahua

**Edwin Alejandro Monclova Parra**, Countertenor, age 31, from Chihuahua, Chihuahua

**Iris Atenea Salazar Sotelo**, Soprano, age 27, from Mexico City

**Ana Silvia Sánchez Islas**, Soprano, age 28, from Mexico City

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**Désiré Alexandra Cabezas Doilin**, Soprano, age 25, from Xalapa, Veracruz

**Frida Shani García Vargas**, Mezzo-soprano, age 23, from Hidalgo, Michoacán

**Naykari Melisa López Hernández**, Soprano, age 24, Nezahualcóyotl, Estado de México

**Jessica Itzel Torrero Trapero**, Soprano, age 23, Culiacán, Sinaloa