

**Laura Duffy**  
**SSO Guest Performer**  
**New Beginnings**  
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Laura Duffy, a soprano, is winner of the SSO's 2015 Emerging Artist Competition.

Winning the competition brings with it the opportunity to sing with the SSO in concert. "I'm really excited to have the opportunity to sing with an orchestra, because that's rare," she told Con Spirito. "[It's} the most important thing for a young singer." Ms. Duffy is 27.

Ms. Duffy, who is in the Doctor of Musical Arts program in vocal performance at Western University, is from Arnprior, Ontario. She received a Bachelor of Music in vocal performance from Queen's University and a Master's of Music in performance and literature from Western. She also studied privately in Copenhagen at the Royal Academy of Music.

"I would love to have an opera-singing career," she says, " but with today's market it's difficult to make a living." Having a doctorate will enable her to teach at the university level. "But my ultimate goal is in opera," she adds.