



THE FINALS

THURSDAY 22ND JANUARY 2015

FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY 2015



GEMS WORLD ACADEMY - DUBAI



GEMS
EDUCATION

HOSTS, ACCOMPANISTS & JUDGES



GWA HOSTS

Mr Paul Howe | Ms Jewel Rovera

ACCOMPANISTS

Mrs Andrea Levenda

Andrea graduated as a concert pianist and piano teacher from the Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music - Hungarian State University. After completing her Bachelor degree, she became a teacher in a music and arts school in Hungary and was a regular performer with the "Hungarian Musical Life." As a concert pianist, she has performed in many European countries such as Denmark, France, Finland, Poland and Germany. Currently she is working as a piano teacher, pianist, accompanist, jazz singer and the official pianist of the RAD Ballet exams in the UAE. During the last 9 years, Andrea has been involved in Dubai's music scene as a lead pianist in DUCTAC opera productions, and as a member of the Dubai Chamber Choir.

Mr David Lesser

David studied accompanying with Robert Sutherland at the RCM, and taught at the Universities of Warwick and Bath before coming to the UAE. He specialises in the 20th century and contemporary vocal repertoires, often partnering and recording with his wife the soprano Clare Lesser. He is also active as a composer working mainly in Europe. He has taught at the American Universities of Dubai and Sharjah, and currently teaches at New York University in Abu Dhabi.

ROUND 1 & 2 JUDGES

Mr Andrew Arcello (Voice)

Andrew has great passion for developing student voices using a kinaesthetic approach, focusing on the mind-body connections that develop through singing. He has worked with students of all ages in a variety of school settings and enjoys helping singers to find themselves through music. Andrew was educated in the US and earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in music education/voice pedagogy/choral conducting.

