Dear New Graduate Voice Students:

Proficiency in Italian, French, and German is required for all graduate Voice Performance majors. In addition, all new graduate voice majors will be evaluated for proficiency in English, Italian, French, and German diction on Tuesday, August 19. There will be a written exam followed by individual evaluations.

Students should be prepared to sing four songs or arias: one each in English, Italian, German, and French. Memorization is not required. Each song or aria must be translated into the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA). The translation should follow the four-line method:

- IPA
- Text
- Word-for-word translation
- Readable, everyday English translation

You will hand in a copy of each translated song for grading at the time of your evaluation. Students with diction deficiencies in one or more languages will remain enrolled in PERF 387 and/or PERF 388 Graduate Diction Review. Fall semester covers German and French; spring semester covers English and Italian. If you have any questions, please write to Dr. Dana Brown dlbrown@roosevelt.edu.