



Audition Rules

2017 YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

Saturday, February 25, 2017

Illinois Central College Lecture Recital Hall

East Peoria, Illinois

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must live and attend school or pursue a regular schedule of music lessons with a private teacher within a 100-mile radius of Peoria, Illinois
- Contestants must be middle or high school students (grades 7 – 12) as of the date of the competition
- Previous competitors may compete
- A previous winner may compete on a different instrument

APPLICATION PROCESS

- The application, along with a non-refundable \$40 fee must be submitted by Thursday, December 15, 2016 (make checks payable to: Peoria Symphony Guild)
- The musical selection must be a standard orchestral piece, with instrument or vocal solos. Approved repertoire list online at <http://peoriasymphony.org/wp-admin/post.php?post=423&action=edit>. Other repertoire is subject to approval.
- Voice applicants must be at least 16 years of age or exhibit a mature tone
- Applicants will be notified of their acceptance for the audition
- The musical selection must be a minimum of 6 minutes, and a maximum of 9 minutes
- Contestants will be required to perform from memory

COMPETITION

- The preliminary auditions will be the morning of Saturday, February 25, 2017. Applicants will have received instructions by mail regarding the times for practice and audition.
- Piano students will be admitted early the day of the competition to practice on the stage piano. Practice time must be scheduled in advance with the YAC coordinator, and the student must not exceed the allotted time.
- Contestants must provide an original copy of the musical selection to the judges at the audition. A piano score is preferred.
- Accompanists must be provided by the contestants.
- No videotaping, photography, or cell phone usage will be allowed within the hall until the winners of the competition have been announced.
- Only Peoria Symphony Guild members, judges and accompanists will be permitted (in the hall) during the preliminary auditions.
- The Peoria Symphony Guild will reserve the right, based on the decision of the judges, to not select a winner.
- Written comments of the judges will be provided to each contestant by mail following the competition.
- All applicants are expected to attend the final round of the competition held in the afternoon.
- Families and the public will be invited to attend the final competition.
- A light lunch will be offered to participating students, their families, accompanists and teachers between the preliminary auditions and the final competition.

COMPETITION WINNERS

- The monetary awards will be as follows: 1st place - \$500, 2nd place - \$250 and 3rd place - \$100. These awards are made possible by the Donna Wilkinson Schwindenhammer Trust and the Peoria Symphony Guild.
- The winner will have the privilege of performing on the Peoria Symphony Orchestra Student Concerts, playing with the Peoria Symphony Orchestra.
- The 1st place winner will also perform at the spring luncheon of the Peoria Symphony Guild.
- Performances of the five finalists from the Young Artist Competition will be featured at "An Afternoon of Music" Sunday, March 19, 2017 2:00 pm in the PSO Cube 101 State Street, Peoria, IL 61602

Rules, Applications and approved Repertoire are available online at <http://peoriasymphony.org/wp-admin/post.php?post=423&action=edit>