



## Young Artist Competition 2022

Dear Music Educator:

The Peoria Symphony Guild sponsors an annual concerto/aria competition for exceptionally talented High School and Junior High musicians, and it has expanded to schools within a 350-mile radius of Peoria, Illinois. The prize package provides performance opportunities and monetary awards of \$1,000 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$750 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and \$500 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The competition winner will perform with the Peoria Symphony Orchestra at the Peoria Symphony Guild Annual Student Concert on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 10:00 AM and 11:45 AM. The winner will also perform at the Peoria Symphony Guild Spring Luncheon on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 11:30 AM.

We appreciate any encouragement you can provide to your talented students to enter this competition. A flyer is attached—please share it with students or post it on band, orchestra, and chorus bulletin boards. Full competition information, rules, an approved repertoire list, and application forms are available online: [peoriasymphony.org/YAC](http://peoriasymphony.org/YAC).

Alternate repertoire selections must be approved by Maestro George Stelluto. The categories of concerto are piano, voice, brass, woodwind, strings, and percussion.

The preliminary audition round will be via submission of a YouTube video (instructions will be emailed). The final in-person audition round will be Saturday, March 19, 2022. The deadline to submit applications with a \$60 registration fee for this competition is **Tuesday, February 1, 2022**.

Thank you for providing this information to your students. Applications should be submitted to me using the contact information below. Please contact me with any questions. *Since we are living in uncertain times with the COVID-19 pandemic, we will hold this in accordance with CDC and local Public Health guidelines for everyone's safety. Your continued support is appreciated!*

Best Regards,

*Brenda L Conroy*

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