



**40^h Annual
Student Concerto
Competition**

Saturday, January 2, 2010

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Gottwald Playhouse
Richmond CenterStage**

**612 East Grace Street
Richmond, VA 23219**

**RICHMOND SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA LEAGUE**

P.O. Box 11705
Richmond, VA 23230-0105



Purpose

This solo competition is held to encourage and recognize talented young Virginia musicians. The competition consists of two divisions, piano and instrumental.

Awards

Piano Division: first place will receive \$150 and an invitation to play with the Richmond Symphony; second place will receive \$100 and a performance opportunity.

Instrumental Division: first place will receive \$150 and an invitation to play with the Richmond Symphony; second place will receive \$100 and a performance opportunity.

Decision of the judges is final. If, in the opinion of the judges, no contestant is qualified, any of the awards may be withheld.

Music Selection

Competitors may pick their selection from the list of approved concertos that can be found at www.richmondsymphony.com/education.asp.

Competitors must perform the selection indicated on their Application Form. Substitutions are not allowed.

Eligibility

The competition is open to Virginia students in elementary through senior high school who play the following instruments: piano, violin, viola, cello, string bass, guitar, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, French horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba, harp or percussion.

Each applicant must have the consent of his/her teacher, who must evidence this by a signature on the appropriate line of the Application Form.

First-place winners are disqualified from participating in the year immediately following their award.

Repertoire

1. The applicant must be prepared to play, in its final form, the concerto or movement(s) that he/she wishes to perform.

2. Memorization is required.

3. The applicant must bring his/her own accompanist to play orchestra reduction. If you are in need of an accompanist, a list of available accompanists can be found at <http://www.richmondsymphony.com/education.asp>.

4. The applicant is required to bring two original scores (no photocopies) of the soloist's part for the judges.

Mark any cuts with sticky notes.

5. Competition performance will not exceed ten minutes. If playing time is longer than the time allotted, the judges will terminate the performance without disqualifying the participant. Accompanists should take appropriate cuts in tutti sections.

How to Apply

Fill in the Application Form and return it *with a check for the \$25.00 entry fee* to:

Carol Sesnowitz
400 Bonruth Place
Richmond, VA 23238

The entry fee is non-refundable and payable to the Richmond Symphony Orchestra League.

Applications must be received by Friday, December 4, 2009

If you have questions, e-mail ahalbruner@richmondsymphony.com or casesnow@gmail.com

Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications received after the deadline will be considered on a space available basis in the order of their postmark date.

Applicants will be notified of their competition time by Tuesday, December 15, 2009.

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APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Age: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Instrument: _____ Years Studied: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's Signature: _____

Accompanist (required): _____

Competition Selection: _____

Movement: _____

Composer: _____

Do you give permission for videotaping and/or recording by the media during the competition?

Yes _____

No _____

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