

Symphony Hamilton

James R. McKay music director & conductor

Young Artists' Competition 2009

Purpose

To provide an opportunity for young area musicians to perform as a soloist with orchestra.

Prize

The winner of each category will receive \$200 and will perform as a soloist with orchestra in our 2009-2010 season.

Categories

The competition is open to orchestral instruments (brass, woodwinds, and strings), harp, and voice.

- Junior Instrumental only age limit 15 or under as of May 31, 2009
- Senior Instrumental only age limit 23 or under as of May 31, 2009
Voice only age limit 26 or under as of May 31, 2009

Past winners cannot re-apply in the same category. Past junior category winners must wait until the third year after winning and must be eligible for the senior category before re-applying.

Music Selection Requirements

The contestant must select one or more movements of a concerto, or a one-movement composition originally composed for their instrument or voice and orchestra. The **orchestral accompaniment must be readily available in print (subject to approval by the symphony librarian)**, and the total performance time should not exceed 15 minutes in length.

Eligibility Requirements

- A contestant must be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada, or a non-Canadian citizen who has studied with a Canadian teacher in Canada for at least 2 years.
- A contestant must reside or have resided in Southwestern Ontario, or have studied in Southwestern Ontario.
- Contestants should be recommended by their teachers.

Application Fee

There is a non-refundable application fee of \$30.00

Audition Procedure

Contestants must submit an application form and registration fee along with a recording of themselves playing the selected music with piano accompaniment. Recordings will not be identified when audited by the judges. The finalists and their accompanists will be invited to perform before a panel of judges on **a date to be determined in June, 2009**. Recordings will only be returned if a stamped self-addressed envelope is included with the application.

Deadline

Completed application form and fee plus recording must be in our office by **Friday, May 1, 2009**.

For information

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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Hamilton Address (if different from above) _____

Date of Birth _____ Junior Senior e-mail _____

Instrument/Voice _____ Teacher _____

Music Selection (Title and Composer) _____

I agree to abide by the rules of the competition. In the event of winning, I understand that the concert may be taped for archival purposes and that any photographs taken remain the property of the orchestra and may be used accordingly. Any question not already covered shall be referred to the competition committee whose decision shall be final. *The application must be signed by a parent or guardian if the entrant is under 18 years of age.*

Signed: _____ Date: _____