

WCSO YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION, 2011

The West Covina Symphony Orchestra is now accepting applications for this season's *Young Artist Competition*. Young musicians may audition for a chance to perform with the Orchestra and win a cash prize. The competition date is March 26, 2011.* The competition will take place at the Recital Hall, LaCorte Hall, A103, California State University at Dominguez Hills. Complete information on parking and a map of the University will be supplied to all contestants.

1. Eligibility

The West Covina Symphony Young Artists Competition is open to student musicians through the twelfth grade residing in and attending school in the United States. Categories are strings, winds, brass, percussion and piano. Applicants are eligible to enter in one category only. First place winners of previous 2 years are not eligible to compete. The winner must be available for rehearsals and publicity as required. The winner is to provide the Symphony with a publicity photo and biography of not more than 500 words. Applicants must submit the official application form, properly signed, (also signed by the applicant's parent if applicant is under the age of 18).

2. Repertoire

Selection to be performed shall not exceed 12 minutes (cuts are allowed for audition length requirements) and shall be the selection the student intends to play with the Orchestra. Acceptable literature for the competition includes any one movement from any work in the standard concerto repertoire. Works associated with the student repertoire may be selected if they are original works. Transcriptions or arrangements are not acceptable unless transcribed by the original composer. Memorization is preferred but not required. All works must have orchestral parts readily available in the United States. Application, together with non-refundable \$50 application fee must be received by WCSO by March 26, 2010.

3. Selection

The selection committee will select and notify competitors on or about April 2, 2010.

4. Accompanists

All entrants must perform with live accompaniment. Accompanists are the responsibility of each entrant. Entrants are strongly encouraged to bring their own accompanists, however, a limited number of assigned accompanists are available. The additional fee for an assigned accompanist is \$100. If a WCSO assigned accompanist is requested, the additional \$100 non-refundable accompanist fee must be enclosed with the application form or the application will not be accepted. It is the responsibility of the entrant to contact the accompanist and arrange a mutually convenient time for rehearsal.

5. Performance

Winner will perform as a soloist with the West Covina Symphony at the annual winners concert, final date to be determined. Winner will also attend the final three Tuesday evening rehearsals prior to concert performance. A \$300 First Place Award will be presented at the final concert. If a second place winner is selected for performance, they will also attend the rehearsals and they will receive a \$150 cash award. Third place winner, if selected, will receive a \$100 cash award.

6. Judges Decision.

The decision of the judges shall be final. If, in the opinion of the judges, the quality of performances at the auditions is not at a sufficiently high level, they may recommend that no award be given this year.

7. Relatives

Relatives of West Covina Symphony musicians may apply.

9. Disqualification

Failure to comply with these rules and with any supplemental rules issued by the West Covina Symphony Orchestra can result in disqualification of the applicant and/or forfeiture of any award.

10. Interpretation

Application and interpretation of the above rules shall be at the sole discretion of the West Covina Symphony Orchestra.

Applications may be downloaded from our website, <http://westcovinasymphony.com>, or requested by email YoungArtists@WestCovinaSymphony.com, or write to us at Young Artists, West Covina Symphony Orchestra, 216 S. Citrus Street #364, West Covina, CA 91791.

Send completed application to the address above marked "Attention: Young Artist Competition"

A \$50.00 non-refundable application fee is required for all applications. (Be sure to also include \$100 accompanist fee if accompanist is needed).

Checks must be made out to: West Covina Symphony Orchestra. Please include "2011 YAC Application Fee" on the memo line.

**WEST COVINA SYMPHONY
YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION APPLICATION
MARCH 26, 2011 ***



Date _____

Applicant Name _____ Tel. No.(____) _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Age _____ M ___ F ___ Birth Date _____ Email _____

Parent Name(s) _____

Parent Address (if different from above) _____

Parent's Email _____ Tel. No.(____) _____

Instrument _____ Years Studied _____

Audition Selection: Title: _____ Composer _____

School Name/Address/Zip _____

School Music Teacher _____

Private Music Teacher _____ Phone/Email _____

Accompanist (if known) _____ Phone/Email _____

Music Performing Experience and other activities/Interests/Honors/Awards: *Please use back of this sheet or attach additional sheet.*

The undersigned acknowledges having read and understood the West Covina Symphony Orchestra Young Artists Competition rules, and agrees to these rules.

Applicant signature

Parent signature (if applicant under 18)

Private Music Teacher signature

School Music Teacher signature

Remember to enclose your check made out to West Covina Symphony Orchestra: \$50 application fee, \$100 accompanist fee if you need an accompanist provided. Application Deadline: must be RECEIVED by March 5, 2011. No exceptions. Competition date, March 26, 2011 subject to change. mail to: West Covina SymphonyOrchestra, 216 S. Citrus Street #364, West Covina, CA 91791 fax to: (310) 507-0260, email pdf to: info@WestCovinaSymphony.com. (626) 771-0462 ~ www.WestCovinaSymphony.com