

# 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Artist Competition

## January 20, 2018

*Sponsored by the Black Hills Symphony Orchestra and the Black Hills Symphony League*

Questions: Please call the BHSO Office at 605-348-4676 or email – [bhso@rapidnet.com](mailto:bhso@rapidnet.com)

### Rules and Information:

1. Competition is open to high school instrumentalists in grades 9 through 12 and living within a 180-mile radius of Rapid City. The Junior division is open to students in 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grades with a maximum age of 17) and Senior Division is open to those in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades (with a maximum age of 19).
2. Applicants must be recommended by their school music director or private music teacher.
3. Entrants may only compete on one instrument per competition.
4. **Applicants must submit all of the following items by email or mail to Black Hills Symphony Orchestra, dated or postmarked no later than Friday, December, 8, 2017**

By Mail:

Send to BHSO, Attn: Young Artist Competition, PO Box 2246, Rapid City, SD 57709

- Completed application form
- CD, video/DVD, or YouTube link of entrant performing competition solo with piano accompaniment
- \$ Entry Fee - \$65 Senior Division or \$45 Junior Division. Check can be mailed or call BHSO Office (605-348-4676) to pay by Credit Card
- Email from Bruce Knowles **dated no later than 7/31/17** approving performance selection

By Email:

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  - YouTube link of entrant performing competition solo with piano accompaniment
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5. The First Place Winner of the Senior Division may not compete again on the same instrument but may compete another year on a different instrument. Junior Division winner may compete in following year(s) on the same instrument.
  6. Competition Date:
    - January 20, 2018
  7. Competition Location:
    - First United Methodist Church  
629 Kansas City Street, Rapid City, South Dakota.
    - Contestants should plan on being available for the entire day in order to be present at their assigned competition time and at the awards ceremony.
  8. Applicants must provide their own accompanist and three copies of their music for the judges. Applicants must bring the three copies to the Friday, January 19, 2018 rehearsal, or they will not be allowed to perform on Saturday, January 20, 2018.
  9. Solo must be memorized.

10. Solo must be limited to 15 minutes or less (except with prior approval from the Conductor, Bruce Knowles.)
11. **Senior Division solos must have a published orchestral accompaniment.** Students must contact BHSO conductor **no later than 7/31/17** to obtain verification that orchestral accompaniment is available. Email from conductor, confirming accompaniment/approving performance selection, must be attached with application. To contact Bruce Knowles, email [knowles.bruce@gmail.com](mailto:knowles.bruce@gmail.com)
12. The solo must be played in its entirety, except for the standard cuts. All cuts must be approved by the conductor at time of music approval and noted in confirmation email dated no later than 7/31/17.
13. Junior Division solos, except for solo piano, must have piano accompaniment. Repertoire with orchestral accompaniment is not required in the Junior Division.
14. If necessary, a qualified, impartial judge (who does not have a student applying for the competition), will adjudicate a preliminary round from the submitted recordings. The top 10 applicants in each division will proceed to the competition on January 20, 2018. The CDs/DVDs will be returned to musicians at the competition. All applicants will be notified as to the status of their application by December 29, 2017.
15. All participants will be limited to an assigned time to rehearse with their accompanist at First United Methodist Church on the Friday before the competition. Participants will not be allowed to rehearse in the church on Friday, January 19, 2018 or Saturday, January 20, 2018, except during the times assigned to them. Participants will be assigned warm-up rooms and times on the day of the competition.
16. Competition times for Saturday, January 20, 2018 will be assigned at random. Competitors may not trade or request specific assigned times on Saturday.
17. All decisions of the judges are final. Judges have the authority to declare no winner. Competitors will receive written comments from the judges.
18. Winners will be announced at the completion of the competition at the awards ceremony. All competitors must attend the awards ceremony. Appropriate dress attire is required.
19. The winner from the Senior Division will play his/her solo with the BHSO on March 3, 2018, and receive a cash award of \$500. The second place winner in the Senior Division will receive \$300. The first place winner in the Junior Division will receive \$200. The second place winner in the Junior Division will receive \$100. An honorable mention may be awarded at the judges' discretion for either/both divisions. There will be no monetary award for this distinction.
20. Runner Up in the Senior Division and Winner and Runner Up in the Junior Division along with any Honorable Mentions will be announced and recognized on stage, during the March 3, 2018 BH Symphony Concert.
21. All competitors will receive an audio recording of their competition performance.
22. If, due to extreme circumstances, the winner is unable to perform with the orchestra on March 3, 2018, the Black Hills Symphony conductor may choose a replacement.

**Rules and application forms available at [www.bhsymphony.org/youngartist.html](http://www.bhsymphony.org/youngartist.html)**