

38th Annual Young Artist Competition

January 28, 2017

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

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 9th or 10th grades with a maximum age of 17) and Senior Division is open to those in 11th and 12th grades (with a maximum age of 19).
2. Applicants must be recommended by their school music director or private music teacher. Entrants may only compete on one instrument per competition.
3. **Applicants must submit all of the following items by mail to BHSO, Attn: Young Artist Competition, P.O. Box 2246, Rapid City, SD 57709, postmarked no later than Monday, December, 12th, 2016**
 - o Completed application form
 - o CD, video/DVD, or Youtube video of competition solo with piano accompaniment
 - o \$65 non-refundable entry fee for Senior Division, \$45 non-refundable entry fee for Junior Division. Check should be payable to: "Black Hills Symphony Orchestra"
 - o Photo of applicant, **digital format** (entry in the competition constitutes the applicant's authorization for use of his/her name and photo for publicity purposes)
 - o **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**
4. 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 winners may compete the second year on the same instrument.
5. The competition will be held **on Saturday, January 28th, 2017** at the First United Methodist Church located at 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.
6. 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 27, 2017 rehearsal or they will not be allowed to perform on Saturday, January 28th.
7. Solos must be memorized.
8. Solos must be limited to 15 minutes or less (except with prior approval from the Conductor, Bruce Knowles.)
9. Senior Division solos must have a published orchestral accompaniment. The conductor must verify this as indicated on the application form. Contact the Conductor, Bruce Knowles, to obtain verification - (605-718-3867).
10. The solo must be played in its entirety except for the standard cuts. All cuts must be approved by the conductor at time of application.
11. The following pieces may not be submitted for this competition: TBA-contact Conductor Bruce Knowles
12. Junior Division solos, except for solo piano, must have piano accompaniment. Repertoire with orchestral accompaniment is not required in the Junior Division.
13. A qualified, impartial judge (who does not have a student applying for the competition), will adjudicate the preliminary round from the submitted recordings. The top 10 applicants in each division will proceed to the competition on January 28, 2017. The CDs/DVDs will be returned to musicians at the competition. All applicants will be notified as to the status of their application by January 6, 2017.
14. 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 27, 2017 or Saturday, January, 28, 2017, except during the times assigned to them. Participants will be assigned warm-up rooms and times on the day of the competition.
15. Competition times for Saturday, January 28, 2017 will be assigned at random. Competitors may not trade or request specific assigned times on Saturday.
16. All decisions of the judges are final. Judges have the authority to declare no winner. Competitors will receive written comments from the judges.
17. 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.
18. The winner from the Senior Division will play his/her solo with the BHSO on March 4, 2017, 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. The second place winner of the Senior Division and the first and second place winners of the Junior Division will play for the spring Symphony League Young Artist Showcase, hosted by the Black Hills Symphony League and Black Hills Symphony Orchestra at the Rapid City Performing Arts Center, date TBA. An honorable mention will be awarded at

the judges' discretion for both divisions. There will be no monetary award for this distinction, but the honorable mention is also invited to play at the Young Artist Showcase. All competitors will receive an audio recording of their competition performance.

19. If, due to extreme circumstances, the winner is unable to perform with the orchestra on March 4th, 2017 the Black Hills Symphony conductor may choose a replacement.

Questions? Please call Holly LeMay, 2017 Young Artist Committee Chair: 605-390-5476 or email at hollylemay@gmail.com

Rules and application forms available at www.bhsymphony.org/youngartist.html