

SCHUYLKILL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
10th Annual Young Artist Competition 2007

The Schuylkill Symphony Orchestra is proud to announce its annual Young Artist Competition. The Schuylkill Symphony Orchestra is committed to providing quality performing and educational opportunities for talented young musicians in the Schuylkill County and surrounding areas.

ELIGIBILITY:

- The contestants must be 7 to 12 grades, and are ineligible after their graduation from high school or after previously being chosen as a soloist with the Schuylkill Symphony Orchestra.
- The students must reside or study with a teacher in the following counties: Schuylkill, Lehigh, Northampton, Northumberland, Columbia, Luzerne and Carbon.
- Unusually gifted and well-prepared students below 7th grade level may apply, but must arrange with the Audition Committee for a pre-audition.

Application fee: \$25.00 (non-refundable).

INSTRUMENTS:

In 2007, the competition will be open to **STRINGS, WOODWINDS AND VOICE.**

REPERTOIRE:

- Contestants must be prepared to present an ENTIRE MOVEMENT of a concerto selected from the standard classical repertoire (published work) and PERFORMED BY MEMORY. No pop literature.
- Contestants must provide their own accompanist for the application tape and for the final judging.

DEADLINE:

Applications, fee and tape must be received in the Symphony's office by: TBA (Fall 2007).

TAPE OR CD REQUIREMENTS:

- Cassette tape or CD should be of *high quality* and must be a recording of the work to be performed in the Competition with piano accompaniment.
- Tape should be mailed first class to the Symphony's office in the following manner: cassette tape or CD WITHOUT identification, placed in an envelope. Student's name, address, and work performed should be indicated on the envelope only. *Finalists will be selected upon judgment of the audiotape or CD.*

TIME AND PLACE:

- Finalists will be notified by phone, and in writing no later than TBA (Fall 2007). Finalists must provide one (1) original and two (2) copies of the score for use by judges.
- Final judging (closed audition) will be held at TBA. Each finalist will be notified of his or her appointment time prior to the date of auditions. The results will be announced immediately following the competition. The judges may reject all applicants if, in their opinion, no competitor is considered qualified. The Schuylkill Symphony Orchestra reserves the right to cancel or modify the opportunity to perform in one of its concerts, based upon the quality and quantity of applications. The decision of the judges shall be final.

AWARDS:

- First place: \$300.00 cash award and *may* be provided the opportunity to perform with SSO at a concert determined by the SSO.
- Second place: \$200.00 cash award
- Third place: \$100 cash award

