



Sammamish Symphony Orchestra

2012 Youth Concerto Competition

Application Requirements

Application Deadline: Applications, including CD, must be received by January 14th, 2012.

Date of competition: March 10th, 2012.

Place: Music Works Northwest
14360 SE Eastgate Way, Suite 102
Bellevue, WA 98007

Awards:

- **First Place** - a performance as featured soloist with the Sammamish Symphony Orchestra and a cash prize of \$600.
- **Second Place** – cash prize of \$300.
- **Third Place** – Honorable mention.

Application Requirements:

- A completed application form.
- One recording on CD of the work that you intend to perform for the competition. The recording must be on CD and playable in an audio CD player. No other form of recording will be accepted.
- Please, clearly label the CD with the applicant's full name, instrument, the title of the performance piece, and the name of the composer.
- A brief resume of your musical and educational history such as grade level, years of musical study, previous prizes in other competitions, previous public performances, personal goals, and your current teacher.
- Meet the age requirement.
- All applications, including CD, must be received by January 14th, 2012.

Eligibility:

- Age must be 19 years or younger on the date of the competition.
- Competition is open to the following orchestral instruments: woodwinds, brass, strings, harp, piano, classical guitar, and voice.
- The 2011 first-place prize winner is not eligible.
- Current students of 2012 competition judges are not eligible.
- The winner must inform the Sammamish Symphony if they are planning to play the same work with another orchestra within six weeks before or after June 10th, 2012.
- The winner of the competition will perform with the Sammamish Symphony Orchestra at their concert on June 10th, 2012. The winner must be available for two rehearsals prior to the performance date: the evening of June 7th and the morning of June 10th, 2012. The winner may

also be asked to work with the Music Director prior to the first rehearsal. Formal concert attire is required for the concert.

Repertoire:

- Applicants should perform one movement from a standard concerto for their instrument or a similar work. Orchestral accompaniment must be available for the work. *The Sammamish Symphony, however, reserves the right to refuse a work based on cost or availability.*
- Ensemble concertos are allowed, but it must be an orchestral concerto and the cash prize will be shared among the players.
- The work is to be memorized.
- Maximum length of the solo should not exceed 15 minutes. Minimum length should be 4 minutes.
- Each competitor will be allowed 20 minutes, this includes set-up time, the performance, applause and judging. Warm-up rooms will be available with pianos.
- After the entry has been received, repertoire changes will not be permitted without approval of the Music Director of the Sammamish Symphony.
- Contestants must provide their own accompanist (if applicable). Pianos will be available in the warm-up rooms and in the competition room.
- Contestants should provide the judges with a copy of the sheet music they are performing.

Judges:

- All judging decisions are final.
- Judges may declare “no winner” in the competition if performances do not meet minimum standards for artistic performance.

Entrance Fee: None

Notification of acceptance:

- Applicants will be notified of acceptance into the competition via U.S. mail. Notifications will be mailed no later than January 28th, 2012.
- Audition CD's will not be returned.

For inquiries:

- Telephone: (206) 890-2121
- Email: ConcertoCompetition@SammamishSymphony.org
- Web Site: <http://www.SammamishSymphony.org>

Mail applications and recordings to:

SSO Youth Concerto Competition, c/o Andy Hill
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Issaquah, WA 90827

Remember! The completed application, resume and the CD must be received by the Sammamish Symphony, no later than January 14th, 2012.