

COLLIN COUNTY YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

Sponsored by The Andrea-Mennen Family Foundation and the PLANO SYMPHONY GUILD

CATEGORIES

Piano ~ Strings ~ Winds/Percussion

DIVISIONS

Junior: Grades 1 – 8

Senior: Grades 9 - 12

ELIGIBILITY

Participants must meet **one** of the following requirements:

- (a) Live in Plano, Frisco, or Collin County
- (b) Attend a Collin County, Plano ISD, or Frisco ISD school
- (c) Study on the audition instrument
 - (1) in Collin County, or
 - (2) with a primary private lesson teacher who resides in Plano or Collin County or is a PSO core musician
- (d) Be a child of a PSO core musician

Former Grand Prize Winners are not eligible to enter again in the same Category (Piano, Strings, or Winds/Percussion).

AWARDS

GRAND PRIZE: Performance with the Plano Symphony Orchestra on **March 21, 2020** at the Eisemann Center.

Up to three participants may be awarded a Grand Prize.

Winners may be Jr. or Sr. Division entrants from any Category.

PLACE WINNERS: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place & Honorable Mention Winners may be named in both Divisions of each Category.

Judges have the option of not designating winners for all of the awards. The decision of the judges is final.

REPERTOIRE: Each participant must **memorize** and perform one or more movements of a concerto from the Approved Repertoire List. Concerto movement(s) with full accompaniment should total no more than 15 minutes. Live auditions may be limited to 10 minutes to allow more students to participate in the live auditions. If your concerto movement is longer, please choose any part of your concerto for the live auditions. Grand Prize Winners will perform their entire concerto movement(s) at the March 21, 2020 concert. No additional concerto requests will be accepted for 2020. The 2020 Approved Repertoire List can be found online at

<https://planosymphony.org/education-programs/young-artist-competition/>

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LIVE AUDITIONS

Date: **Saturday, January 11, 2020**

Place: COLLIN COLLEGE

Spring Creek Campus

2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway

Plano, TX 75074

PRE-SCREENING ROUND for PIANO & STRING CONTESTANTS:

Video links of the student performing the approved concerto with an accompanist must be submitted for all Piano and String contestants by 5 PM Friday, **Nov. 1, 2019**. Qualifying contestants will be notified before Nov. 27, 2019. The music does not have to be memorized for the pre-screening videos and the accompanist does not have to be the same as for the Live Auditions. If accepted, qualifying contestants will have a few days to confirm an accompanist for the Live Auditions. Music for the Live Auditions must be memorized. Approximately 7 Junior and 18 Senior contestants for each Category will qualify for the Live Auditions in January.

WIND/PERCUSSION CONTESTANTS:

Do not need to submit videos. Deadline for applications for Wind/Percussion contestants is 5 PM Friday, **Nov. 22, 2019**.

LIVE AUDITIONS: Audition times will be posted on the internet at www.planosymphony.org and emailed before December 24. Original audition music must be provided for the judges. Each contestant must memorize the concerto and provide his/her own accompanist for the live Preliminary Round and for the Finals on January 11, 2020. The accompanist cannot be the teacher or the teacher's spouse.

FORMAT for Live Auditions

1. In the Preliminary Round, each student must memorize and perform his/her concerto movement(s) in a closed audition before two expert judges. Audition times may be limited to 10 minutes. Please be accurate on the application about **Length of performance** with your accompaniment because the schedule is based on that time frame.
2. Each Category will have two judges who will rank students during the Preliminary Round.

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FORMAT for FINALS:

1. The judges may choose 1 Finalist from the Junior Division and 3 Finalists from the Senior Division to compete for the Grand Prize. Up to 12 Finalists may be chosen overall who will later be awarded 1st or 2nd Place at the Awards Ceremony. Third Place and Honorable Mention winners will be named at the Awards Ceremony.
2. The Finalists will each perform a five-minute sample of their concerto movement in the Final Round to compete for one of the three Grand Prize Winner positions.
3. The Finals will be open to the public and performed before the panel of six judges.

FORMAT FOR VIDEOS:

1. Video recordings must be made with one fixed camera angle/location, focused such that the performer and the accompanist are visible at all times.
2. No editing is allowed. Any edited video will be disqualified.
3. Videos must be the same piece that the contestant will be performing at the live January auditions.
4. Students should not introduce themselves but can announce the piece.
5. Students should submit an online shareable link to the video recording that has been uploaded to youtube or vevo.
6. Only repertoire on the Approved Repertoire List will be allowed.
7. Maximum time limit for the concerto movement(s) is 15 minutes. The recording should be of the entire concerto movement and may be slightly longer than 15 minutes, if necessary.
8. For the video recordings, printed music will be allowed since the live auditions are two months later. Music must be memorized for the live auditions.
9. Students must include a copy of their school photo ID with the application to verify the identity of the student in the video.

APPLICATIONS: The application form is available at:

<https://planosymphony.org/education-programs/young-artist-competition/>
All Applications must be completed and submitted online.

Piano & String contestants will need to include a shareable video link and upload a photo ID. The \$55 application fee can be paid by credit card online. If preferred, after completing and submitting the online application, checks can be mailed to:

Plano Symphony Orchestra
ATTN: Young Artist Competition
1635 Dorchester Dr.
Plano, TX 75075.

Applications with incomplete information will not be able to be submitted online until corrected. Wind/Percussion contestants will also complete and submit their applications online and pay by credit card online or mail in a check.

FEES and DEADLINES:

The Competition entry fee is **\$55** and is non-refundable.

Please pay by credit card online or make checks payable to the **PLANO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**.

All checks must be postmarked by the due dates.

Piano and String applications with video links & photo IDs must be submitted by **5:00 PM** on Friday, **Nov. 1, 2019**.

Wind/Percussion applications must be submitted by **5:00 PM** on Friday, **Nov. 22, 2019**.

Please do not wait until the last few minutes of the due date to try to complete the application and submit it online. If the application is missing any information, it cannot be submitted and you may miss the 5:00 PM deadline. The application site will close down at 5 PM on the due dates listed above.

For questions, please email Mrs. Gladys Chan at:
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