

COMPETITION FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS

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LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION

The Livermore-Amador Symphony Association will conduct its 45th Competition for Young Musicians in October. The winner(s) will perform as soloist(s) with the Symphony on February 24, 2018, and be awarded \$500.00. The competition is open to instrumentalists and vocalists who reside or attend school in **Livermore, Pleasanton, Sunol, Dublin, or San Ramon, California**. Students are eligible through grade 12. If not enrolled in high school, the maximum age is 17. All instruments will be considered.

Applicants must submit a completed application form, a non-refundable fee of \$8.00 and, for preliminary screening, a recording of their playing. Applicants may post a recording (preferably a video) to YouTube and send a link via email. The deadline is **Sunday, September 10, 2017**. Music should be chosen from the standard repertoire for orchestra; however, compositions performed by the Symphony in 2016–2017 and those to be performed in 2017–2018 are not to be chosen [see livermoreamadorsymphony.org/competition]. The selection, one movement of a concerto or a comparable work, should have a minimum length of approximately 10 minutes. For the preliminary screenings, recordings for non-pianists should have piano accompaniment. For piano recordings, accompaniment is not essential. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the preliminary screening and all recording discs will be returned.

Those accepted to compete will be expected to perform in person on **Sunday afternoon, October 1, 2017**, before a panel of judges, including the Music Director. Contestants must provide their own accompanists. Each student will receive a written evaluation. Taken into consideration are intonation, tone quality, technique, style/ interpretation, and memorization. The judges are requested, but not required, to select two winners not competing on the same instrument. The decision of the judges is final. If, in the opinion of the judges, none of those competing is qualified, a winner will not be selected.

Winners, as soloists, will perform the same music with which they competed. Previous winners may re-apply after an intervening year. However, anyone who has performed two times as a soloist with the Symphony cannot be considered as a contestant. If you have any questions or need an e-mail address you may phone JoAnn Cox at (925) 447-1947.

APPLICATION FORM - DEADLINE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

(Applications will be accepted starting September 1, 2017)

NAME _____ BIRTHDATE _____ GRADE _____

NAMES OF PARENTS _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL _____ INSTRUMENT _____ YRS OF STUDY _____

TITLE _____ MVMT # _____ COMPOSER _____

TEACHER _____ ACCOMPANIST _____

I reside or attend school in Livermore, Pleasanton, Sunol, Dublin, or San Ramon, California. I agree to abide by the competition rules. **My accompanist** and I will be available for an appointment on Sunday, October 1, anytime between 12:45 and 4:45 p.m.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Please make checks payable to Livermore-Amador Symphony Association. Send your application, \$8.00 fee, and recording (if not posted online) to Livermore-Amador Symphony, c/o 2000 Helsinki Way, Livermore, CA 94550-6128.