west suburban symphony

2009-10
Concerto Competition
For High School Musicians

The West Suburban Symphony Society is pleased to announce its 63rd annual concerto competition, which is open to string, wind, and vocal musicians in grades 9-12.

On April 18, 2010, the competition winner will perform in concert in Westmont, Illinois, as soloist with the internationally acclaimed West Suburban Symphony Orchestra, led by Maestro Peter Lipari. The winner will receive a $500 cash award and 2 concert tickets.

Application process

The competition takes place in two phases:

- Entrants apply by mail; applications include a recording of at least 8 minutes of the solo they would play in the concert.
- The Society's competition committee selects up to 12 entrants who will perform as finalists before the competition judges.

Before applying, entrants are urged to contact the Society for advance approval of their intended solo pieces, to verify that orchestral parts are available.

Entrants may submit application materials for more than one selection, provided that each application packet is complete (including a separate entry fee, application form, and recorded audition).

Schedule

Entrants must submit their applications by U.S. Mail, postmarked by January 4, 2010.

Finalists will be notified by January 14, 2010.

Finalists will perform 8-minute excerpts from their solos in competition on February 13, 2010, in Clarendon Hills, Illinois. They must perform from memory.

The competition winner will rehearse the complete solo work with the orchestra, in Clarendon Hills on:

- Tuesday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 17, at 9 a.m.
- Sunday, April 18, at 2 p.m.

The winner will perform in a concert that begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 18, at Westmont High School.

See the competition entry form for complete rules and requirements

For advance approval of a solo selection, or with any questions, send an email to competition@westsubsymphony.org

Extra entry forms are posted at www.westsubsymphony.org

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Keep a copy of this form for your files!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

High school _____ Grade _____

Full title of solo piece _____

Composer of solo piece _____

Editor (if any) and
publisher of solo part _____

Voice, string instrument, or wind instrument
(note: 2009-10 competition is not open to pianists) _____

Name of accompanist
for live audition _____ Performing time
(limit is 15 min) _____

Music teacher who helped me prepare my piece for this competition:

Name _____

Address _____

City & zip _____

APPLICATION RULES

Deadline: Application must be postmarked by January 4, 2010, and sent by U.S. Mail to:
West Suburban Symphony, P.O. Box 565, Hinsdale IL 60522.

Application must include the following items (incomplete entries will be disqualified)

- This three-page entry form.
- $20 check payable to West Suburban Symphony Society.
- Audio CD or tape of entrant performing an 8-minute or longer excerpt from the solo work that he/she would perform in concert, should he/she win the competition.
    - Accompaniment is preferred but not required for the audition recording.
    - Video recordings are not acceptable as audition recordings.

Before applying, entrants are strongly advised to email the name/composer of their piece to competition@westsubsymphony.org, for advance approval.

Questions? email competition@westsubsymphony.org

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COMMITMENTS BY ENTRANT

I certify that I am the performer on the audition recording I have submitted for this competition.

I understand that, if I am selected as a finalist for a live audition, I must:

- o Audition at the time assigned to me on Saturday, February 13, 2010.
  (Auditions will take place between noon and 4 p.m. Only the auditioner, accompanist, and judges will be allowed in the audition room.)
- o Supply a photo of myself before I will be allowed to audition.
  (The photo must be either a 300-dpi (or better) digital file emailed to competition@westsubsymphony.org or a traditional print not computer-generated)
- o Play an 8-minute excerpt from my competition solo from memory, with piano accompaniment.
- o Bring my own piano accompanist.
- o Provide a copy of the full score (piano plus solo) to the judges at the live audition.

I understand that if I win the competition, I must rehearse with the orchestra three times: at 7:30 p.m. April 13, at 9 a.m. April 17, and at 2 p.m. April 18.

Printed name _____

Signature _____

INFORMATION RELEASE BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN **(or entrant if age 18 or older):**

Should this entrant be a winner, the West Suburban Symphony Society may use the information on this entry form, and the entrant's photograph, in print, broadcast, and web advertising and the concert program.

Printed name _____ *Signature* _____

Relationship to entrant _____

Note: Any harassment of a judge by a competition applicant, an applicant's parents, or anyone associated with an applicant at any time during the competition will result in the applicant's immediate disqualification.

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My name (please print) _____

Age at which I began studying my competition instrument _____

Other instruments I perform (including voice) _____

My most noteworthy musical performance, award, or honor:

My plans for special summer studies and/or college:

My career goals:

What I most enjoy about playing my instrument or singing:

Highlights of my non-musical school and community activities and honors: