

MONTANA ASSOCIATION *of* SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS



2011 YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION

*Recognizing &
Encouraging
Montana's
Musical Talent*

Win Cash Prizes & Perform with One of Montana's Symphony Orchestras!

Every two years, Montana music students compete for opportunities to play with Montana's Symphony Orchestras and win cash prizes. The 2011 Young Artists Competition is open to musicians ages 13 to 22 to perform a work for solo instrument with orchestral accompaniment.*

Start Rehearsing, Win Cash Prizes!

Junior Division—\$450 Prize

(Ages 13 through 15)

Senior Division—\$650 Prize

(Ages 16 through high school graduate)

College Division—\$1,000 Prize

(Post high school through age 22)

Mark Your Calendar

Applications Deadline: Postmarked no later than
Monday, 1 November 2010

Competition at MSU Bozeman: Saturday, 15 January 2011

Get The Details

Learn more about the competition, download an application, and get full details by visiting the MASO website at
www.montanasymphonies.org

* See the MASO website for complete details or contact the Helena Symphony at 406/442-1860 for further information.

SATURDAY, 15 JANUARY 2011

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY, BOZEMAN



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Eligibility: Designed to recognize and encourage the musical artistry of young Montanans, the Montana Association of Symphony Orchestra's biennial Young Artists Competition is open to musicians between the ages of 13 through 22 who play any of the standard orchestral instruments. The Montana Association of Symphony Orchestras includes the orchestras in Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Glacier, Great Falls, Helena, and Missoula.

Applicants who are attending college out-of-state are eligible if they have retained their Montana residence.

Past winners of the Young Artists Competition are ineligible to compete again in the same division.

Division assignment is determined by the applicant's age as of 1 January 2011.

Prizes: In addition to a cash prize, winners will be invited to perform with at least one of the orchestras of the MASO:

Junior Division \$450 Prize
Ages 13 through 15

Senior Division \$650 Prize
Ages 16 through high school graduate

College Division \$1,000 Prize
Post high school through age 22

Repertoire: The applicant must perform a movement (or more, if staying within the time constraints) from a concerto or work for solo instrument and orchestra approximately eight to fifteen minutes in duration. The work must be played from memory and must be the same work on the recording submitted as part of the application. No works for unaccompanied instrument will be considered.

Adjudication Process: Select Music Directors of MASO member orchestras will pre-screen the application materials. Those applicants selected to participate in the Young Artists Competition will perform before three judges, who together represent the needed music disciplines (strings, brass, percussion, woodwind, and/or piano). The Young Artists Competition is also open to the public.

To Apply: Selected finalists will be selected to participate in the Young Artists Competition. Application materials must be postmarked no later than Monday, 1 November 2010 and must include:

- Completed MASO Young Artists Competition Application available online at www.montanasymphonies.org
- Letter of recommendation from the applicant's music teacher
- Three copies of the score (solo score with piano accompaniment is acceptable)
- \$25.00 Application Fee (Checks payable to the Montana Association of Symphony Orchestras)
- Audio recording of a performance (not to exceed 15 minutes in duration) that best represents the applicant's ability.

The composition recorded must be the same work the applicant will perform in the Young Artists Competition, if selected. The recording must include the orchestral accompaniment performed by an orchestra or by piano accompaniment. Piano applicants should perform their solo without piano accompaniment. Recordings will not be returned.

Travel: While every attempt will be made to schedule the selected finalists at a convenient time for the applicant, it is the applicant's responsibility to attend at the scheduled time. Any expenses incurred while participating in the Young Artists Competition are the responsibility of the applicant.

For more information: Contact the Helena Symphony at 406/442-1860.

