



Meridian Symphony Orchestra Application Procedure: Young Artist Competition 2012

- **Application form:**
 - Print and mail with application fee.
 - Forms are available from our website at www.meridiansymphony.org.
- **Application deadline: January 15, 2012**
 - Competition is limited to 40 participants.
 - If we receive more applications than we can schedule, earlier applications will receive precedence.
 - A standby list will be used in case of cancellations.
- **Application fee:** \$25.
- **Eligibility:**
 - Solo Instrumental students through Grade 12.
 - Participants must reside in Southwestern Idaho.
- **Divisions:**
 - **Junior Piano:** up to 8th Grade as of January 21, 2012
 - **Junior Strings:** up to 8th Grade as of January 21, 2012
 - **Junior Instrumental:** up to 8th Grade as of January 21, 2012
 - **Senior Piano:** Grade 9 to 12 as of January 21, 2012
 - **Senior Strings:** Grade 9 to 12 as of January 21, 2012
 - **Senior Instrumental:** Grades 9 to 12 as of January 21, 2012
- **Repertoire:**
 - Performers should choose music from classical concert literature such as one movement from a concerto or similar piece to be accompanied by orchestra.
 - Semi-classical and popular music are not appropriate.
 - Selected piece should be memorized.
 - Students' teachers should verify that the music is available for orchestra and realistic in terms of the present makeup of the Meridian Symphony Orchestra.
- **Competition and Judging Procedure:**
 - The competition will be held on January 21, 2012, between 8 am and 4 pm. Competition location is the Meridian United Methodist Church with warm-up and performance times to be announced.

(Competition and Judging Procedures, continued)

- Each young artist will have a maximum of 10 minutes to perform. Movements may be abridged to fit the time limit for the competition only.
- Students will be required to supply three copies of the music to the judges at the competition. Only original copies will be returned. An original copy must be present at the time of the competition.
- Judges will look for expressive ability, empathy of musical style, faithfulness to specific indications of the work (tempo, dynamics, phrasing), and technical security. Written feedback will be provided to each contestant.
- Winners may be selected in each of the six divisions, but the judges are not obligated to choose a winner in any division. In addition, judges may or may not select a participant in each division to be awarded an Honorable Mention. Division winners will be awarded \$75 and Honorable Mention will receive \$50.
- A Junior Soloist Award recipient and a Senior Soloist Award may be selected to perform with the Meridian Symphony Orchestra on April 21, 2012. The competition judges along with the MSO Artistic Director will select these recipients. There is no additional monetary award for the recipient with the award emphasis on the invitation to perform with the Meridian Symphony Orchestra.
- Soloist Award recipients from the 2011 competition are invited to compete and are eligible to be a division winner or honorable mention but are not eligible for the Soloist Award of the 2012 competition.
- If chosen to perform with the Meridian Symphony Orchestra, soloists are expected to give high priority to rehearsals. If any soloist does not maintain his or her performance quality up to the time of the concert, the MSO Artistic Director will remove him or her from the concert program.