



Meridian Symphony Orchestra Application Procedure: Young Artist Competition 2010

- **Application form:**
 - Print and mail with application fee.
 - Forms are available from our website at www.meridiansymphony.org.
- **Application deadline: January 9, 2010**
 - 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 23, 2010
 - **Junior Strings:** up to 8th Grade as of January 23, 2010
 - **Junior Instrumental:** up to 8th Grade as of January 23, 2010
 - **Senior Piano:** Grade 9 to 12 as of January 23, 2010
 - **Senior Strings:** Grade 9 to 12 as of January 23, 2010
 - **Senior Instrumental:** Grades 9 to 12 as of January 23, 2010
- **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 23, 2010, between 9 am and 6 pm. Location 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. Division winners will be announced after the competition is completed. Division winners will be awarded a minimum of \$50.
- A Junior Soloist Award recipient and a Senior Soloist Award recipient may be selected to perform with the Meridian Symphony Orchestra in May 2010. These recipients will each be awarded \$150. Dr. Tom Phelps, the Meridian Symphony Orchestra Artistic Director, has the option of not choosing either of the Soloist Award recipients to perform with the orchestra.
- A Second Place Overall Award will also be given in both the Junior and Senior Divisions in the amount of \$100. It is possible based upon the makeup of the competition, this could be awarded to a young artist who did not win their division.
- Soloist Award recipients from the 2009 competition are invited to compete and are eligible to be a division winner but are not eligible for the Soloist Award of the 2010 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.