



Meridian Symphony Orchestra Application Procedure: Young Artist Competition 2021

- **Application form:**
 - Print and mail with application fee.
 - Forms are available from our website at www.meridiansymphony.org.
- **Application deadline: January 25, 2021**
 - 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 30, 2021
 - **Junior Strings:** up to 8th Grade as of January 30, 2021
 - **Junior Instrumental:** up to 8th Grade as of January 30, 2021

 - **Senior Piano:** Grade 9 to 12 as of January 30, 2021
 - **Senior Strings:** Grade 9 to 12 as of January 30, 2021
 - **Senior Instrumental:** Grades 9 to 12 as of January 30, 2021
(For young artists that have advanced to a grade in school above their current age, please contact the Symphony to discuss the appropriate competition placement.)
- **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 30, 2021, between 8am and 3pm at the Dunkley Music Recital Hall. 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, currently scheduled for April 24, 2021 at the Centennial High School Performing Arts Center. Given that the performance schedule for the MSO is currently on hold, we cannot guaranty that the Soloist Award recipients will perform on this date. The competition judges, which may include 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 2020 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 2021 competition. In addition, students will be eligible to receive the Soloist Award once in the Junior division and once in the Senior division.
- 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 may remove him or her from the concert program.
- By submitting an application to participate in the Meridian Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition, the performer along with the student's parents/guardians authorize the use of their photo image and if applicable, the video and audio recording of the student's performance for marketing and promotional purposes.