

Young Artists 2012 Competition



The Peoria Symphony Guild
invites instrumentalists and vocalists to participate in the Young Artists 2012 Competition
on Saturday, February 25, 2012
Preliminary auditions from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Final competition at 1:00 p.m.
at Illinois Central College Lecture Recital Hall
East Peoria, Illinois

Audition Rules

Eligibility

- Applicants must live and attend school or pursue a regular schedule of music lessons with a private teacher within a 100-mile radius of Peoria, Illinois.
- Contestants must be 18 years of age or younger.
- Previous competitors may compete if the age requirement has been met.
- A previous winner may compete on a different instrument, if the age requirement has been met.

Application Process

- The application, with a non-refundable \$30 fee, must be submitted by **January 6, 2012**.
- The musical selection must be a standard orchestral piece, with instrument or vocal solos. The selection will be subject to approval by the Peoria Symphony Orchestra.
- Voice applicants must be at least 16 years of age or exhibit a mature tone.
- Applicants will be notified of their acceptance for the audition or given the opportunity to select another piece of music by January 23, 2012.
- The musical selection must be longer than six minutes, but not to exceed 10 minutes. Vocalists may choose two pieces to meet the six-minute minimum, but total performance time cannot exceed 10 minutes.
- Contestants will be required to play from memory.
- During the performance at the Peoria Symphony Student Concerts, the winner of the competition must perform the audition piece. The Peoria Symphony Orchestra will reserve the right to edit the piece to meet the time constraints of the concert.

Competition

- The preliminary auditions will begin at 9:00 a.m. on February 25. Applicants will receive instructions by e-mail or telephone regarding the times for practice and audition.
- Piano students will be admitted at 8:00 a.m. to rehearse on the stage instrument.
- At the time of the auditions, contestants must provide an original copy of the musical selection to the judges. A piano score is preferred.
- Accompanists must be provided by the contestant.
- No videotaping, photography, or cell phone usage will be allowed within the hall until the winners of the competition have been announced.
- Only Peoria Symphony Guild members, judges, and accompanists will be permitted in the hall during the preliminary auditions.
- The Peoria Symphony Guild will reserve the right, based on the decision of the judges, not to select a winner.
- The written comments of the judges will be provided to each contestant.
- Families and the public will be invited to attend the final competition at 1:00 p.m.
- A light lunch will be offered to participating students and their families between the preliminary auditions and the final competition.

Competition Winner

- The winner will have the privilege of performing as a guest soloist with the Peoria Symphony Orchestra during its 58th annual Student Concerts on April 17, 2012.
- The winner will receive a \$250 scholarship, established to provide financial aid for musical instruction or tuition at music camps.
- The winner will perform at the Spring Luncheon of the Peoria Symphony Guild on May 8, 2012, at the Country Club of Peoria.