Twelfth Annual Youth Concerto Competition
The New Hampshire Philharmonic
Information Sheet

The New Hampshire Philharmonic announces its twelfth annual youth concerto competition. This competition is open to any student who is no older than the junior year in high school for the academic year 2013-2014, and who is also a New Hampshire resident. The winner will be asked to perform at a concert during the 2014-2015 season of the New Hampshire Philharmonic. The competition is state-wide; finalists over the years have come from the towns of Atkinson, Bedford, Bow, Candia, Concord, Derry, Dover, Durham, Etna, Exeter, Francestown, Hanover, Hollis, Hooksett, Lyme, Manchester, Merrimack, Nashua, Plaistow, Plymouth, Rochester, Salem, Strafford and Windham.

The Philharmonic
The New Hampshire Philharmonic connects people to the emotional power of classical music through compelling, live performances and engaging educational programs. The New Hampshire Philharmonic is the state’s premier civic orchestra, and the state’s oldest orchestra, tracing its roots to 1905. The orchestra weaves together the finest student, amateur and professional musicians from around the state in dynamic performances of the core repertoire. Thousands of area schoolchildren reach a deeper understanding of the emotional expressiveness possible in classical music through the orchestra’s collaborative arts program Drawn to the Music. Complete information about the Philharmonic’s performances and educational programs are available at the Philharmonic’s website nhphil.org.

Schedule
The deadline for receipt of completed applications is noon on January 16, 2014. This deadline is absolute; applications that arrive after that date and time will not be considered. Invitations to the juried event will be emailed in early February 2014. If you are chosen to compete for the juried panel, your invitation will state an approximate time to play. Typically, five finalists are chosen from qualified applications.

Juried Competition
The juried competition will take place at the Manchester Community Music School, 2291 Elm Street, Manchester, NH in April 2014. The winner will be chosen by a jury consisting of the Music Director of the New Hampshire Philharmonic and a select number of accomplished judges from the professional music educator community of New Hampshire.

Repertoire
The applicant should prepare a work for solo instrument with orchestra. (Please note that for less typical instrument choice, the range of performance repertoire available will be a factor in the adjudication process.) Due to constraints of the performance setting, the competition is not open to pianists. The piece presented should be either a work for your instrument with orchestra, or a movement from a concerto. The applicant is strongly encouraged to present a work that falls well within his or her technical abilities, and above all a work that would provide the listener with a satisfying musical experience. Applicants should assume no more than 10 minutes of playing time during the audition. In light of the repertoire requirements of the orchestra’s season, the music director will consult with the winner on the date and piece to be played during the 2014-2015 season. Typically the work performed will be less than ten minutes. It is possible that the piece eventually performed during the 2014-2015 season could be different from the piece played in the audition.

Age and Residency Requirements
The competition is open to students of all ages through junior year in high school during the 2013-2014 academic year. Because the concert will take place in the 2014-2015 season, the competition is not open to students who are already seniors in high school for the 2013-2014 academic year. Applicants must be residents of the state of New Hampshire. Unfortunately, the competition is not open to boarding school students whose home address is outside of New Hampshire; the competition is open to boarding school students whose home address is in New Hampshire.

Application - Copies of the application are available at our website www.nhphil.org.
The Members of the Philharmonic are pleased that you are considering entering our youth concerto competition. In order to give you fair consideration, we ask that you carefully read the attached information sheet, fill out this application and attach several items. We look forward to reviewing your application.

**Personal information**
Your name _________________________________________________________

Home address ______________________________________________________________________________________

City _________________ State _________ Zip code ______________

(Note: This competition is open only to residents of New Hampshire, and is not open to students who attend boarding school in New Hampshire and whose home address is outside of New Hampshire.)

Parent names ______________________________________________

Parent email _____________________________

Parent phone number _______________________________________

**School information**
School name ______________________________________________________________________________________

School address ____________________________________________________________________________________

City _________________ State _________ Zip code ______________

School level for the 2013-2014 academic year ____________________________
(e.g., 8th grade, junior in high school). (Please note that the competition is not open to musicians who are already seniors in high school for the 2013-2014 academic year.)

**Music information**
Your instrument ________________________________________________

Your music teacher’s name ____________________________________________________________

Teacher email ________________________________________________

Teacher phone number __________________________________________

Title and composer of piece submitted in attached recording

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Title and composer of piece to be performed at subsequent audition

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Your name _________________________________________________________

Attachment Checklist
Please attach the following items with your application. Please note that we will be unable to consider your application if any item is not attached.

___ An application fee (nonrefundable) of $35 – please make check payable to The New Hampshire Philharmonic

___ A brief resume stating your teachers, repertoire, and your performance experience (solo, chamber and orchestral), and listing any awards or prizes received.

___ A one-page letter of recommendation from your music teacher.

___ A recording of you playing a solo work, recorded in the format of your choice (CD/DVD). Here are some guidelines for the recording:
  • In order for us to get a sense of your playing over sustained periods, please submit a recording of at least 5 minutes length (approximately) (e.g., a movement of a concerto). You are welcome to submit a recording of greater length (e.g., the entire concerto).
  • The piece on the recording can be a different piece from the piece that you plan to play at the juried competition. However, the recorded piece should demonstrate an equivalent amount of accomplishment and musicality. We will be listening to the recording to gain a sense of your sound, your musical sensibility and your technical facility with your instrument.
  • The recording should be an unedited performance.
  • Please do not use piano accompaniment in recording the material.
  • Short rests should be metered where practical.
  • Please print your name and telephone number on the label of the CD/DVD itself (not just on the protective case).

___ A photo of yourself (head and shoulders, preferably with musical instrument), to be used in publicity surrounding the event. (Note: this photograph will have NO bearing on your selection for the audition.)

___ Photo release approval. “I hereby give permission for the attached photograph of my child to be used in publicity surrounding the event.”
  Parent signature _________________________________________________________

The musicians of the Philharmonic welcome your application for this competition. Please mail or deliver your completed application and attachments to:
  The New Hampshire Philharmonic
  c/o Bruce Drusendahl
  134 Elanor Way
  Weare NH 03281

Questions can be sent via email to: bruce@nhphil.org