

Warminster Symphony Orchestra

Young Artist Competition



The Warminster Symphony Society

is continuing its long-established tradition of creating an opportunity for aspiring young musicians to perform a solo with the WARMINSTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA at one of its scheduled concerts during the 2011-2012 season. The orchestra was founded in 1966. It has provided quality music to the area for 44 years. It presently consists of more than 60 dedicated musicians.

The WARMINSTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA is under the baton of Music Director/Conductor Joseph Lovecchio. Maestro Lovecchio has been conductor of this fine orchestra since 1995. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education and a Master's Degree in Conducting. He has been honored five times by Who's Who of America's Teachers and also by Marquis' Who's Who in the Arts for his contributions to the Arts.

ELIGIBILITY

The Warminster Symphony Orchestra Young Artists Competition is currently in its 26th year of spotlighting talented youth performers. This competition is open to all instrumentalists and vocalists who will be no more than 18 years of age on April 1, 2011, and currently reside in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery or Philadelphia Counties in Pennsylvania or Burlington, Camden, Gloucester or Mercer Counties in New Jersey. Only complete applications will be considered. A complete application package consists of:

1. A completed application form.
2. One letter of recommendation (from teachers, conductors, etc.)
3. A photostatic proof of age (birth certificate or passport)
4. Proof of residency (utility bill, school document)
5. An artist biography / resumé
6. A non-refundable application fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to the WARMINSTER SYMPHONY SOCIETY in the amount of \$25.00 must accompany the application.

The application must be received by **MARCH 22, 2011**. All contestants will receive notification of their acceptance and audition information (time, directions, etc.) by **MARCH 28, 2011**.

LOCATION:

Auditions will be held at:

COMMUNITY CONSERVATORY, (RTE 313)
4459 W SWAMP ROAD, DOYLESTOWN, PA

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A NEW LOCATION!

* * * * SPECIAL TIME REQUESTS * * * *

must be made when submitting application. Please clearly attach a note to the application. While we cannot guarantee your request will be honored, we will attempt to accommodate you.

Questions should be directed to: 215-355-1987

email: violinkp@aol.com

THE AUDITION: Saturday April 2, 2011

Qualifications and Guidelines

1. Auditions are given to woodwind, brass, string, percussion, piano and vocal performers.
2. Auditions are open to students up to and including age eighteen at the time of the audition.
3. Youth Division applicants must be capable of performing one complete movement of a concerto by a major composer or an approved equivalent work. Children's Division applicants must audition on a solo work which has an available orchestral accompaniment.
4. The audition piece should be three (3) to ten (10) minutes in length.
5. The audition piece must be the same piece expected to be performed at the concert.
6. Accompanists are not required for the audition, but are permissible if the applicant desires to bring his/her own accompanist.
7. Applicants must complete and return the attached form before **MARCH 22, 2011** to: Kathy Pincus, 1045 Longfield Road, Southampton, PA 18966

Auditions will take place one day only

SATURDAY April 2, 2011.

All applicants will be notified of their audition time.

PRIZES:

The first place winner of each age category will receive a monetary prize and must be available to rehearse and to perform with the WARMINSTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA during a regularly scheduled concert in the 2010-2011 season at the discretion of the Music Director. The prizes are:

Youth Division (ages 13-18) First Prize – \$400*
Children's Division (ages 12 and under) First Prize – \$200*

* All prizes also include a performance opportunity with the Warminster Symphony Orchestra during the 2010-2011 season.

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2011 Young Artist Competition Application:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Instrument: _____ Email address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Telephone (including area code): (_____) _____ - _____

Selection to be performed (include timing): _____

Composer: _____

Private Teacher: _____ Year(s): _____

Teacher's Address and Phone #: _____

Will you be bringing an accompanist?: NO YES, Name: _____

Musical Experience (include any awards received, solo public performances, etc.):

For extensive listings, please attach additional sheet.

Signature of applicant: _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____

Have you included: One letter of recommendation Proof of age Artist biography
 Check or money order for \$25.00 Proof of residency

**Mail completed Application with a \$25.00 check or money order
(made out to: *Warminster Symphony Orchestra*):**

**Kathy Pincus
W.S.O. Youth Artist Competition
1045 Longfield Road
Southampton PA 18966**

**Deadline for submission is March 22, 2011. Audition times will be mailed out on March 28, 2011
This application form may be duplicated. Also Available Online at <http://www.WarminsterSymphony.org>**

For W.S.O. use only - Date Application Received _____ Division _____