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 **FOX VALLEY SYMPHONY**

111 West College Avenue, Suite 550
Appleton, WI 54911



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Young Artist Festival

Youth Soloist Competition (Grades 10 – 12)

Junior String Competition (Grades 7 – 9)

Junior Piano Concerto Competition (Grades 6 – 9)

Junior Voice Competition (Grades 8 – 10)

Afternoon Winners Recital

January 17, 2009

Lawrence Conservatory of Music
Music Drama Center
510 E. Washington Street
Appleton, Wisconsin



Application Deadline:
Postmarked December 1, 2008

Fox Valley Symphony Mission Statement

The Fox Valley Symphony's mission is to enrich and nurture the human spirit through symphonic music and educational opportunities that enhance the cultural development of our community.

The Fox Valley Symphony Young Artist Festival is a day-long series of four instrumental and vocal competitions, a clinic and a winners performance. This Festival exists to inspire middle and high school musicians through educational and performance opportunities by providing:

- ♪ Judges' critiques of his/her performance
- ♪ A venue in which to meet and hear other young musicians
- ♪ Encouragement and recognition
- ♪ Clinics and prizes to help further their music education

The Fox Valley Symphony Young Artist Festival is held in collaboration with the Fox Valley Music Teachers Association.

Judging Criteria

- ♪ Musicality, technique and stage presence
- ♪ Ability to perform well as a soloist, with an orchestra
- ♪ Appropriate attire and performance etiquette

Judges

Judges are professional musicians: teachers, performers and adjudicators. Judges will offer only written comments on the day of the competition which will then be mailed to each contestant. Judges will not offer verbal critiques on the day of the competition. Judges have complete discretion in naming or not naming winners. The judges' decisions shall be final.



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Young Artist Festival Application

January 17, 2009

(Please print clearly. Illegible or incomplete forms will be returned.)

Instrument _____

Festival Competition: (Please Check)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Soloist Competition (pg. 2) | (\$25 Registration Fee Enclosed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior String Competition (pg. 3) | (\$20 Registration Fee Enclosed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Piano Concerto Competition (pg. 4) | (\$20 Registration Fee Enclosed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Vocal Competition (pg. 5) | (\$20 Registration Fee Enclosed) |

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name _____ Age on Sept 1, 2008 _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

School _____ Grade in 2008-09 _____

Evening Ph _____ - _____ - _____ Email _____

Parent Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

REPERTOIRE INFORMATION

Title _____ Movement title _____
(ex. Allegro con moto)

Composer's full name _____ + Duration _____

Accompanist's name _____ Ph _____ - _____ - _____

TEACHER INFORMATION

Name _____ Ph _____ - _____ - _____

Signature _____

Email _____

Your Parent/Guardian signature authorizes the Fox Valley Symphony to release the names and pictures of the participant to the media or for use on the Fox Valley Symphony website and other publicity materials related to this competition.

Registration fee checks should be made payable to the Fox Valley Symphony.

Registration fees are non-refundable.

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Please mail the completed application form along with your check to:

Fox Valley Symphony
Attn: Young Artist Festival
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Appleton, WI 54911



Junior Voice Competition

The Junior Voice Competition offers young area voice students opportunities to perform, to receive judges' written comments and to compete for cash prizes. The competition was established in 2008 by the Fox Valley Symphony.

Eligibility

Voice students in grades 8, 9, 10 who are residents, or whose teacher is a resident, of Brown, Calumet, Fond du Lac, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca or Winnebago counties are eligible.

Requirements

1. Contestant must choose two (2) contrasting works whose performances are a maximum of ten (10) minutes in duration and have piano accompaniment. The audition will be stopped at ten (10) minutes. Chosen repertoire must include one (1) selection from two (2) of the following genres: art song, opera aria or Broadway musical.
2. Memorization is required.
3. Contestant must provide an original score for the judge with cuts marked. Any cadenza should be included in the performance. **No photocopies are allowed.**
4. Contestant must provide an accompanist who should be prepared to play in the Winners Recital, January 17, 2009. Change of accompanist will be accepted until January 4, 2009, due to scheduling issues. Accompanists will be allowed to perform with a maximum of five (5) contestants.
5. Contestant may win first place only once.
6. The non-refundable entry fee of \$20.00 is payable to the Fox Valley Symphony.

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For additional info or questions, contact Nancy Rice at: larrynancyrice@ameritech.net

Junior Voice Competition Awards

First Prize: \$75 and Performance in Winners Recital January 17, 2009
Second Prize: \$50



Youth Soloist Competition

The Youth Soloist Competition offers young Wisconsin musicians the opportunity to compete for the chance to perform with the FVS in concert and to receive cash prizes to help further their musical education. The Fox Valley Symphony League established this competition in 1967.

Eligibility

High School students in grades 10, 11, 12 who are residents of Wisconsin performing on strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, voice, harp or piano.

A contestant can be declared first place winner of this competition only one time. The winner will perform with the Fox Valley Symphony, in the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton, on March 24, 2009. **Contestants should not choose "Totentanz" by Franz Liszt for piano because it was performed with the Fox Valley Symphony last year.**

Requirements

1. Instrumentalists must select a solo concerto movement or concert piece with orchestral accompaniment from standard published repertoire. Rental parts **MUST** be readily available.
2. Vocalists must perform more than two (2) contrasting works, one (1) in a foreign language, all works with orchestral accompaniment. If selected as a winner, two (2) works will be performed.
3. The competition and performance music shall be the same.
4. The committee reserves the right to approve the repertoire.
5. Memorization is required.
6. Contestant must provide an original score for the judge with cuts marked. Any cadenza should be included in the performance. **No photocopies are allowed.**
7. The total performance time cannot exceed ten (10) minutes. A proctor will time the audition from the beginning of the performance.
8. Contestant must provide an accompanist who should be prepared to play in the final round. Change of accompanist will be accepted until January 4, 2009, due to scheduling issues. Accompanists will be allowed to perform with a maximum of five (5) contestants.
9. The non-refundable entry fee of \$25.00 is payable to the Fox Valley Symphony.

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For additional info or questions, contact Nancy Rice at: larrynancyrice@ameritech.net

Youth Soloist Competition Awards

First Place: \$500 Cash Award and performance with the Fox Valley Symphony
Second Place: \$300 Cash Award
Third Place: \$200 Cash Award
Finalist: (3) \$100 Awards



Junior String Competition

The Junior String Competition offers young area musicians opportunities to perform, to receive judges' written comments and to compete for cash prizes. The competition was established in 2004 in cooperation with the Fox Valley Symphony League.

Eligibility

Violin, viola, cello or bass students in grades 7-9 who are residents of Brown, Calumet, Fond du Lac, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca and Winnebago counties are eligible.

Competitors should be performing at the level of Suzuki Book 6, its equivalent and beyond.

Requirements

1. Contestant must choose a piece of ten (10) minutes maximum duration and which has a piano accompaniment.
2. Memorization is required.
3. Contestant must provide an original score for the judge with cuts marked. Any cadenza should be included in the performance. **No photocopies are allowed.**
4. Contestant may enter with more than one (1) instrument but may win first place only once per instrument.
5. Contestant must provide an accompanist who should be prepared to play in the Winners Recital, January 17, 2009. Change of accompanist will be accepted until January 4, 2009, due to scheduling issues. Accompanists will be allowed to perform with a maximum of five (5) contestants.
6. The non-refundable entry fee of \$20.00 is payable to the Fox Valley Symphony.

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For additional info or questions, contact Ginny Russler at: frussler@new.rr.com

Junior String Competition Awards

First Prize: \$75 and Performance in Winners Recital January 17, 2009
Second Prize: \$50



Junior Piano Concerto Competition

The Junior Piano Concerto Competition offers young area musicians a performance opportunity and cash prizes. The competition was established in 2002 by the Fox Valley Music Teachers Association (FVMTA) and the Lawrence Academy of Music (LAM) in cooperation with the Fox Valley Symphony League.

The FVMTA is comprised of local music teachers whose purpose is to promote high standards of music instruction within private studios and to advocate the art of making music within the community. FVMTA is an affiliate of both state and national associations.

Eligibility

Students must live in Calumet, Outagamie or Winnebago counties or study with a teacher who lives in one of those counties or is a member of FVMTA. A performer can be declared first prize winner of each division one time only. The winner of each division (grades 6-7, 8-9) will perform for the public at the Winners Recital.

Requirements

1. Division I (Grades 8 & 9): Soloist must perform one (1) movement of any piano concerto **which has orchestral accompaniment.** Copies of select concerti are available for perusal at Heid Music in Appleton. Orchestral score must be available for rental.
2. Division II (Grades 6 & 7): Soloist must perform one (1) movement of any piano concerto.
3. Memorization is required for both divisions. See website for suggested repertoire: www.foxvalleysymphony.com
4. Contestant must provide an original score for the judge with cuts marked. Any cadenza should be included in the performance. **No photocopies are allowed.**
5. The performance for the competition is limited to ten (10) minutes. All cuts should assure that the most important sections of the work will be heard. If the concerto includes a cadenza, it must be played.
6. Contestant must provide an accompanist who should be prepared to play in the Winners Recital, January 17, 2009. Change of accompanist will be accepted until January 4, 2009, due to scheduling issues. Accompanists will be allowed to perform with maximum of five (5) contestants.
7. The non-refundable entry fee of \$20.00 is payable to Fox Valley Symphony.

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For additional info or questions, contact Barbara Froelich at: BAFroelich@aol.com

Junior Piano Concerto Competition Awards

Division I: Grades 8 & 9 First Place: \$75 and performance in Winners Recital
Second Place: \$50
Division II: Grades 6 & 7 First Place: \$50 and performance in Winners Recital
Second Place: \$25