



Women's Symphony Association (WSA) 2019 Youth Instrumental Competition Application

Please read completely:

Dear Students, Teachers, and Parents,

This is the necessary information you will need to review before your participation in the **Women's Symphony Association Youth Instrumental Music Competition** in partnership with **Allegro Orchestra Lancaster**. The competitions will be held on the following dates:

Junior Competition - For students in grades 7-9

Sunday, February 17, 2019 from 12:30pm-5:30pm

Highland Presbyterian Church, 500 E. Roseville Rd. Lancaster, PA 17601

The winner of the Junior Competition will be invited to compete in the Young Music Masters Competition.

Senior Competition - For students in grades 10-12

Sunday, February 24, 2019 from 12:30pm-5:30pm

Highland Presbyterian Church, 500 E. Roseville Rd. Lancaster, PA 17601

Six soloists will be chosen from the Senior Competition, two from each of the **three** following categories:

Piano, String, and Brass, Woodwind & Percussion, to compete in the Young Music Masters Competition.

Young Music Masters Competition

Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 3:00pm

The Ware Center, 42 North Prince St. Lancaster, PA 17601

Seven finalists, one from the Junior Competition and six from the Senior Competition, will perform with **Allegro Orchestra Lancaster**. The seven finalists will appear as guest soloists during the competition.

Rehearsal Dates:

There will be two rehearsals for the soloists at The Ware Center:

Wednesday, June 5, 2019 from 7:00pm to 9:45pm

Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm

In addition, each soloist will rehearse with Dr. Norcross twice prior to the first rehearsal. The private rehearsal will be scheduled during a time that is mutually convenient.

Deadline Information:

Please contact Dr. Brian Norcross by **December 30, 2018** to ensure the suitability and availability of your repertoire at brian.norcross@fandm.edu.

The application deadline is **January 31, 2019**.

The registration forms and rules of the competition are attached. Please review and follow these requirements carefully. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact one of us directly. Thank you for your interest in these competitions. We look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

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2019 Youth Instrumental Competition
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A copy of the registration and financial information may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

WSA Youth Instrumental Competition Requirements

Please read carefully:

The Junior and Senior Competitions are open to all students who reside in Lancaster County. Former WSA scholarship winners are **not** eligible to compete.

Junior Competition: Students in grades 7–9

Senior Competition: Students in grades 10–12

The registration deadline for the Junior and Senior Competitions is **Thursday, January 31, 2019**.

- This is a solo competition and is not open to ensembles (duets, trios, quartets).
- Repertoire: Competing students choose their own repertoire. Works need to have an available orchestra accompaniment and be 13 minutes or less. Longer repertoire selections will be considered by special request to Dr. Norcross. To confirm the orchestral availability, competing students will need to submit their repertoire selection to Dr. Brian Norcross, Artistic Director of **Allegro Orchestra Lancaster**, at brian.norcross@fandm.edu. It is preferred that the solo repertoire not have any cuts. **Repertoire selections are due by December 30, 2018**.
- During the Junior and Senior Competitions, the accompanist should limit lengthy introductory accompaniment to several lead-in measures. Our judges are only interested in the evaluation of the applicant's skills. The movement, when played in its entirety, must fit the guidelines above.
- Applicants are not required to memorize their competition piece.
- Each applicant is limited to compete on one instrument.
- Applicants must be able to perform their piece at the time of the competition and at a level which is suitable for performance with **Allegro Orchestra Lancaster**.
- Applicants must supply their own accompanist for the competition.
- Special competition time requests must be made with the return of your completed application. We will try to accommodate you within our scheduling format.
- Applicants must supply four copies of their performance piece with each measure numbered. This will enable the judges to deliver a detailed evaluation.

Contestants will be judged on a scale of 1-10 points in the following categories:

- Dynamics
- Expression/Interpretation/Artistry
- Phrasing
- Poise/Stage Presence
- Rhythm
- Technique
- Tone quality
- Level of Difficulty

The preliminary rounds of the Junior and Senior Competitions will be closed to the public except for the judging panel, members of the Women's Symphony Board, accompanists and parents.

The Young Music Masters Competition will be open to the public.

WSA Youth Instrumental Competition Awards

All monetary awards are presented by the **Women's Symphony Association**.

Junior Competition Awards

- The **First-Place** winner receives \$300 **and** is invited to perform in the Young Music Masters Competition with **Allegro Orchestra Lancaster**.
- The **Second-Place** winner receives \$200.
- The **Third-Place** winner receives \$100.

Senior Competition Awards

- There are three categories for the Senior Competition:
 - Piano
 - String
 - Brass, Woodwind & Percussion
- The **First-Place** winner in **each** category (three first-place winners total) receives:
 - \$300 **and** is invited to perform in the Young Music Masters Competition with **Allegro Orchestra Lancaster**.
- The **Second-Place** winner in **each** category (three second-place winners total) receives:
 - \$200 **and** is invited to perform in the Young Music Masters Competition with **Allegro Orchestra Lancaster**.

Therefore, the first-place winner of the Junior Competition and the six winners from the Senior Competition will be invited to perform in the Young Music Masters Competition with **Allegro Orchestra Lancaster**.

Young Music Masters Competition Awards

- The **First-Place** winner receives \$300 **and** a \$5,000 scholarship (\$1,250 per year). *
- The **Second-Place** winner receives \$200.
- The **Third-Place** winner receives \$100.

* The winner of this scholarship is not required to major in a music related program, but must attend a college or university for four years in order to receive the full amount.

**WSA Youth Instrumental Competition
Student Application Form**

Check one: **Junior Competition**
 Senior Competition

Registration Deadline for Junior and Senior Competitions: Thursday, January 31, 2019

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Email _____

School _____ Grade _____

Instrument _____ Years of study _____

Name of Private Teacher _____

Composer, Title, and Opus No. - **The duration of the work without cuts must not exceed 13 minutes, unless you have special permission from Dr. Norcross (brian.norcross@fandm.edu).**

_____ / _____

Name of Accompanist _____

I have read the rules of the competition and I agree to abide by all the rules and requirements.

Signature of Student _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Applicants will be notified of their performance time one week in advance.

**WSA Youth Instrumental Competition
Private Teacher Agreement Form**

Check one: **Junior Competition**
 Senior Competition

Registration Deadline for Junior and Senior Competitions: Thursday, January 31, 2019

Teacher's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Student's Name _____

Instrument _____

Composer, Title, and Opus No. - **The duration of the work without cuts must not exceed 13 minutes, unless you have special permission from Dr. Norcross (brian.norcross@fandm.edu).**

_____ / _____

I have read the rules of this competition and I agree to abide by all rules and requirements. I understand that NO cuts are to be made in the music for the soloist or the accompanist. I understand that the repertoire, when performed in its entirety, must not exceed 13 minutes in length. I also agree to work with my student's accompanist to ensure that all rules of the competition are followed.

Signature of Teacher _____

This form must be returned with your student's registration form. Without this form, your student's registration will not be complete.

**WSA Youth Instrumental Competition
Registration Check List**

Student's Name _____

Ensure that each of the following is enclosed:

- _____ **\$20.00** non-refundable check made out to the Women's Symphony Association
- _____ Student's signed registration form
- _____ Teacher's signed registration form
- _____ One non-returnable recent photo, high quality, glossy (300dpi) 3"x5" or 2"x4"
- _____ Four copies of your performance piece with **measures numbered**
Photocopies are acceptable for these copies, and will be recycled after the competition.
- _____ This completed checklist

Please mail this checklist and all related documents by Thursday, January 31, 2019 to:

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Attn: Polly Pearce

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