



ECHORCHESTRA

Young Artists Concerto Competition 2017-2018 Season

Announcing the 1st Annual ECHOrchestra Young Artists Concerto Competition for musically talented secondary school students. The winner of the competition will be the featured performer of a work from the standard classical repertoire with the full orchestra as part of ECHO's spring concert on April 20, 2018 or future concert date.

Eligibility

- The competition is open to Houston-area students currently enrolled in public or private school or participating in an accredited home schooling program.
 - Instrumentalists (string, brass, wind, percussion, or piano): 6th-12th grade
- Must be available on the competition date:

Sunday, February 25th, 2018

1:00pm-4:00pm

Stratford High School, 14555 Fern Dr., Houston, TX 77079

- Mandatory rehearsals: Must be available for the concert date on Friday, April 20th, 2018 from 5:00pm – 9:30pm; the dress rehearsal on Tuesday, April 17th from 7:00pm – 9:30pm. The concert and rehearsals are held in the Energy Corridor area of Houston near Dairy Ashford and I-10. All other rehearsals will be scheduled with the conductor.
 - Dress Rehearsal: 4/17/18 at 7:00pm-9:30pm
 - Concert: 4/20/17 at 5:00pm-9:30pm

Application Process

- **Submit a completed, official application form by Monday, February 19th, 2018**
 - Forms are available from our website at www.ECHOrchestra.org or by emailing ECHO at info@ECHOrchestra.org
 - Scan and send forms back to us at info@ECHOrchestra.org with a subject line reading "Young Artist Competition" or mail it to: ECHOrchestra, 1127 Eldridge Pkwy, STE 300-347, Houston, TX 77077

- A non-refundable application fee of \$20.00 must be attached at the time that the application is submitted
 - Scholarships are available to cover the application fee if needed; contact info@ECHOchestra.org for more information.

Competition Information

- The competition will be held on Sunday, February 25th, 2018 beginning at 1:00pm-4:00pm at Stratford High School.
- Contestants will receive emailed confirmation of their application with performance time and directions to the contest site.
- Contestants will be asked to demonstrate ability and musicianship through the performance of a prepared selection lasting no longer than 12 minutes.
 - The contestant may perform with piano or other accompaniment provided at his or her own expense. A piano will be available.
 - Memorization is optional
 - All audition pieces must have standard orchestral arrangements readily available

Selection

- The Competition Winner will be selected on the basis of talent, musicianship, and overall ability, as demonstrated in the audition.
- The winning candidate may be invited to perform on April 20th or a future ECHO concert.
- The piece to be performed will be at the discretion of the music director.
- Competition Winner will receive 2 free tickets to the concert, recognition in the program, and on publicity materials.
- The Chairman of the Competition Committee will be the final decider on all matters of the competition including eligibility and awards.

Questions?

If you have any questions about the competition, please email info@ECHOchestra.org

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