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THE 2018 GBS YOUNG INSTRUMENTALIST CONCERTO COMPETITION

Preliminary Auditions: Submitted digitally by **Friday, March 2, 2018**

Finalists will be notified by **Wednesday, March 14, 2018**

Final Competition: **Sunday, March 25, 2018**, Faust Harrison Pianos, Fairfield

1st Prize: \$1000

Opportunity to Audition with the GBS

Opportunity to Showcase prior to April Concert on Saturday, April 28, 2018

2nd Prize: \$500

3rd Prize: \$250

Honorable Mentions (3): **\$75**

Open to all instrumentalists ages 11 - 19 who are residents of Connecticut.

*Application with digital file deadline: **March 2, 2017***

Please go to <http://www.GBS.org> for application and additional information.

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2018 GBS YOUNG INSTRUMENTALIST CONCERTO COMPETITION RULES

- ELIGIBILITY:** The Competition is open to all instrumentalists who are residents of Connecticut, and are eleven (11) through eighteen (18) years of age. Applicants must have reached their eleventh birthday but not have reached their nineteenth birthday by the final submission date of the Preliminary Competition (Friday, March 02, 2018).
- MUSIC SELECTION:** Competitors must perform a movement of a concerto plus a work of a contrasting composer, period, style and tempo. Total performance time for both pieces is limited to **fifteen (15) minutes**.
- PRELIMINARY COMPETITION:** Preliminary auditions are conducted digitally via youtube video links. **The link to the each competitor's youtube video must be emailed to gbsyouth1@gmail.com** by March 2, 2018. Finalists will be notified by Wednesday, March 14, 2018. It is preferred, but not required, that the preliminary audition be performed with an accompanist.
- FINALIST COMPETITION:** The Finalist Competition—open to the public—will take place on **Sunday, March 25, 2018**, at 1:00 P.M. Finalists will be notified of their exact performance times on Wednesday, March 14. Music performed for the Preliminary competition must be performed for the Finalist Competition. Judges do not need a copy of the music. **Contestants must supply their own accompanists.**
- COMPETITION SITE:** The Finalist Competition will be held at **Faust Harrison Pianos**, 322 Black Rock Turnpike, Fairfield, CT 06825.
- DEADLINE:** **Applications and links to youtube videos for the preliminary competition must be emailed to gbsyouth1@gmail.com by Friday, March 2, 2018.** A paper copy of the application, with at least two recommendations, and a non-refundable application fee of **\$25 by check payable to the Greater Bridgeport Symphony** must be mailed or delivered by March 2 to: The Greater Bridgeport Symphony, 446 University Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604. Audition space is limited to the first 30 applicants.
- RECOMMENDATION LETTERS:** Two (2) letters of recommendation are required with the application. They are not needed if already on file from the previous year. School music teachers and /or private teachers may write recommendations. Recommendation letters must be received with the application by the preliminary audition deadline.
- AWARD DECISIONS:** The Greater Bridgeport Symphony and a committee of qualified judges will be the jury for the competition. Their decision is final. If, in the opinion of the jury, there are no outstanding prizewinners, the monetary awards will be added to the competition prizes for the following year.
- PRIZE AWARDS:** First Prize: \$1000; Second Prize: \$500; Third Prize: \$250; Honorable Mentions (3): \$75. The First Prizewinner also will be invited to audition for the Greater Bridgeport Symphony Music Director, **Eric Jacobsen**, and may have the opportunity to showcase prior to April Concert on Saturday, April 28, 2018. The First Prizewinner will not be eligible for subsequent competitions. The top prizewinners will also receive an award certificate.
- RELEASE:** By signing the application contestants agree to audio/video taping the Finals for non-commercial broadcast and general promotional use by the Greater Bridgeport Symphony.