



EUCLID SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION

APPLICANTS

Participation in the competition is open to anyone age 18 and younger. All instrumentalists and voice students **with appropriate repertoire** are allowed to compete in the competition. This should include concerto-level (or equivalent) virtuosic works.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Competition will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2020 from 9:00-3:00 PM

For entry into the competition, return the attached form by email to ESOYoungArtists@gmail.com or by mail to:

Young Artists Competition
Euclid Symphony Orchestra
P.O. Box 32081
Euclid, OH 44132

Performers will be notified of their time slot by October 10, 2020.

LOCATION

The competition will take place in the auditorium of Shore Cultural Centre, 291 E. 222nd Street, Euclid, Ohio.

Before your audition time, you may leave your cases, coats and other personal belongings in the band room, across the hall. You may also use that space for warm-up purposes.

AUDITION INFORMATION

The length of the audition is twelve (12) minutes (one minute to enter the stage, 10 minutes to perform, and one minute to exit the stage). You may perform contrasting movements or one whole movement, whichever you feel best displays your abilities, but the entire length of your audition must not exceed 10 minutes. No parents/guardians/etc. are permitted in the audition room, and auditions will not be recorded.

ACCOMPANISTS

Accompanists are required for the audition, regardless of instrument or voice. You must provide your own accompanist. A grand piano will be provided for students competing on piano. An upright piano will be provided for those accompanying piano students.

JUDGING

A panel of three (3) judges consisting of the music director and two invited guests (with no affiliation to the Euclid Symphony Orchestra) will evaluate auditions based on several criteria including, but not limited to: tone, technique, intonation, rhythm, difficulty of the chosen repertoire, and ability to stay in the allotted time frame. The committee will not offer commentary to applicants.

PRIZE

One winner will be chosen. The winner will receive \$500 and will be invited to perform with the Euclid Symphony Orchestra at the April 25, 2021 concert.

Winner will be notified within 10 days of the competition date.

NOTE: If an applicant is not able to perform with the orchestra on Sunday, April 25, 2021, he or she will not be considered eligible for the competition.

CONCERNING COVID-19

At this time, the competition is currently scheduled to take place on October 17, 2020. We will schedule performances so that there is plenty of time between performers to sanitize pianos, chairs, stands, etc., and to minimize the contact between performers. We also ask that string, piano and voice performers wear masks, and that wind performers wear masks when they are not performing.

After the application process is complete on October 1, the Euclid Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors will decide whether it is necessary to postpone the competition until a later date in January (TBD), or if it is necessary to have performers submit video entries.

If either of those scenarios occur, applicants will be contacted directly via email with further instructions.

If the Euclid Symphony Orchestra needs to cancel the remainder of the 2020-2021 season, the prize will still be awarded and the winner will be offered a performance during the 2021-2022 season.

QUESTIONS

Please direct all questions to ESOYoungArtists@gmail.com