

Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Concerto Competition Application Form and Requirements

Requirements for Eligibility:

- 1) Applicant must be in high school.
- 2) Applicant must live within the greater Portsmouth Seacoast region (from Beverly to York and points west to Manchester).
- 3) The competition is open to all orchestral instruments (no piano).
- 4) Applicant must provide their own accompanist. (An accompanist is mandatory for this competition. Please contact the PSO at 603.686.8133 at least 2 weeks prior to the competition if you are unable to find one and a list of accompanists will be provided for you to contact.)
- 5) Applicant must provide a score for the jury at the time of the competition.
- 6) Repertoire: Applicant must perform the first movement of a concerto with standard orchestra written in the Classical Period; i.e. 1750-1830.
- 7) Applicant must be able to attend at least two Monday evening rehearsals, the dress rehearsal June 2 from 1:00-4:00pm in Newington, NH, and additional rehearsals as stipulated by the Music Director. Concert date is June 3 at the Music Hall, 3pm with rehearsal at 11:00am.
- 8) Applicant must be available on audition day for any time slot assigned to them between 10:00am and 4:00pm.

Application Form

FULL NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ **EMAIL** _____

PARENT(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____

INSTRUMENT _____

OF YEARS PLAYED _____

ALT. PHONE _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING _____

YEAR IN SCHOOL _____

CURRENT INSTRUCTOR _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

PIECE YOU ARE PERFORMING (MOVEMENT 1, CLASSICAL CONCERTO)

Please answer the following questions (additional pages may be used).

- 1) What are your anticipated educational goals?
- 2) How do you plan to incorporate music into your future?
- 3) Describe your background in music (include teachers, musical groups, camps, etc.).
- 4) What solo experience have you had (include repertoire)?

I verify that my submitted application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Applicant's Parent

Date

Attachments:

- Preliminary round video submitted on disk or located at (URL:) _____
Preliminary Round video should be the audition material, submitted to YouTube as "private" or in some other form accessible via internet. Alternately, the video can be submitted on disk. In the event the disk is unreadable the contestant will be contacted for resubmission. Accompaniment is preferred (but not mandatory) for this submission.
- Signed Application Form
- Sealed letter of recommendation from current or most recent instructor
- \$25 non-refundable application fee made out to Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra (application fee can be waived; if in need please contact PSO)

Send completed forms and attachments by no later than **Friday, February 17, 2012, to:**

Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra
Att: Competition
PO Box 8391
Portsmouth, NH 03802

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Preliminary Round Decisions will be emailed and mailed by **Thursday, March 1, 2012.**
- Audition Date is **Sunday, March 18, 2012** at The Woods campus in Riverwoods, Exeter NH (Directions attached).
- Audition times will be emailed (or mailed) two weeks prior along with the Preliminary Round Decisions and contestant feedback.
- Concert date is **Sunday, June 3, 2012 at 3:00pm.**
- All decisions of judges are final.
- Questions? Contact the PSO at 603.686.8133 or email info@portsmouthsymphony.org

Directions to The Woods Campus, Riverwoods, Exeter NH

RiverWoods is easy to reach from all directions. If you have any questions, please call Riverwoods toll-free at 1-800-688-9663.

From the North or South to Exeter

Take I-95 to Exit 2, which is Route 101, Exeter/Hampton Beach. After the tollbooth, bear right onto Route 101 West towards Exeter/Manchester. Proceed 1.5 miles to the first exit (Exit 12) which is for Route 111, Exeter/North Hampton.

At the foot of the ramp, turn left towards Route 111 West. At the stop sign, turn right onto Route 111, then proceed 2.8 miles to a signal light at the intersection of High Street (which you are on) and Portsmouth Avenue (on your right). Go straight through this intersection and over a short bridge. Bear right and proceed to the Bandstand in the center of Exeter.

At the Bandstand, take a sharp left, still on Route 111 West. Continue 1.5 miles to the Exeter Inn (red brick building on left). At this point, keep right at the "Y" intersection and continue on Route 111 West for 1.8 miles to a yellow blinking light.

From the West to Exeter

Take Route 101 East to Exit 11, which is Route 108, Stratham/Exeter. At the foot of the ramp, turn right onto Route 108 South (Portsmouth Avenue). Continue on Route 108 for one mile. At the third set of lights turn right onto Route 111. On Route 111 you will pass over a short bridge and then bear right. Proceed to the Bandstand in the center of Exeter.

At the Bandstand, take a sharp left, to remain on Route 111 West. Continue 1.5 miles to the Exeter Inn (red brick building on left). At this point, keep right at the "Y" intersection and continue on Route 111 West for 1.8 miles to a yellow blinking light.

The Woods Campus

At the yellow blinking light turn left onto RiverWoods Drive, pass two houses on the right, and turn right at the RiverWoods sign.

Visitor parking is located on the left side of the road, just before the stop sign. You may park here and walk to the entrance or, if you prefer, drive straight toward the flagpole at the main entrance and we will provide valet parking.

For those using GPS the Woods address is 7 RiverWoods Drive, Exeter, NH 03833.