

# Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition 2020 Application Form and Requirements

## Requirements for Eligibility:

- 1) Applicant must be in high school.
- 2) Applicant must live within New Hampshire or the Seacoast region of Maine and Massachusetts (from Beverly to York).
- 3) Applicant cannot be a former Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition winner.
- 4) The competition is open to piano, guitar, saxophone and all orchestral instruments.
- 5) Applicants compete with their own accompanist (mandatory) for the Saturday, April 11, 2020 finalist audition. Please contact the PSO at [competition@portsmouthsymphony.org](mailto:competition@portsmouthsymphony.org) or 603.686.8133 at least **2 weeks** prior to the competition finals if you are unable to find one and a list of accompanists will be provided for you to contact. Please arrange for the accompanist to be provided the music at least 2 weeks prior to the competition (limited financial assistance is available for application and accompanist fees.)
- 6) Applicant must provide a (piano accompaniment) score for the jury at the time of the competition.
- 7) Repertoire: Applicant must perform a **single movement or equivalent** (Approximate guideline: 8-12 minutes) of a concerto with standard orchestra. **The orchestral accompaniment must be available on IMSLP.** Please discuss with the PSO [competition@portsmouthsymphony.org](mailto:competition@portsmouthsymphony.org) any deviation from these requirements.
- 8) Applicant must be able to attend at least two Monday evening rehearsals, the dress rehearsal Saturday, May 30, 2020 from 10:00am-2:30pm, and additional Monday evening rehearsals as coordinated with the Music Director. Concert date is **Sunday, May 31, 2020** at the Music Hall, 3pm with mandatory sound check at 11:00am.
- 9) Applicant must be available for the finals audition on **Saturday, April 11, 2020** for any time slot assigned to them between 10:00am and noon. The time slot notification will be sent to the Applicant by **Monday, March 23, 2020.**

## Application Form

FULL NAME	_____		
DATE OF BIRTH	_____	EMAIL	_____
PARENT(S) NAME	_____		
ADDRESS	_____	EMAIL	_____
HOME PHONE	_____	MOBILE PHONE	_____
INSTRUMENT	_____	# OF YEARS PLAYED	_____
SCHOOL ATTENDING	_____		
YEAR IN SCHOOL	_____	AGE	_____
CURRENT INSTRUCTOR	_____	PHONE NUMBER	_____
PIECE YOU ARE PERFORMING	_____		

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Applicant*

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*Date*

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*Signature of Applicant's Parent or Guardian*

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*Date*

Attachments:

- Preliminary round video submitted online. **Accompaniment is preferred with the submission.** Please **email** the url or other digital location for the video (handwritten url is highly discouraged) to [competition@portsmouthsymphony.org](mailto:competition@portsmouthsymphony.org) and/or type it (cut and paste) into the application rather than filling it in by hand. The Preliminary Round video should be the Final audition and possible performance material, submitted to YouTube as “**unlisted**” or in some other form accessible via internet such as Google Docs. Please don't hesitate to contact Dorothy Braker [competition@portsmouthsymphony.org](mailto:competition@portsmouthsymphony.org) in a timely manner if you experience difficulty with submission.
- Signed Application Form (application CAN be emailed to the PSO at [competition@portsmouthsymphony.org](mailto:competition@portsmouthsymphony.org).)
- Sealed letter of recommendation from current or most recent instructor (to [competition@portsmouthsymphony.org](mailto:competition@portsmouthsymphony.org).)
- \$25 non-refundable application fee made out to Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra (application fee can be submitted online and can be waived; if in need please contact PSO. Similarly, scholarships are available for accompanist fees.)

Send completed forms and attachments postmarked no later than **Friday, February 28, 2020, to:**

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

**PLEASE NOTE: Email submission is acceptable; send completed application by deadline to [competition@portsmouthsymphony.org](mailto:competition@portsmouthsymphony.org) \$25 application fee can be sent separately.**

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- **Audition application to be sent postmarked or emailed no later than Friday, February 28, 2020.**
- **Preliminary Round Decisions will be emailed or mailed by Monday, March 16, 2020.**
- **Preliminary Round Repertoire does not change with finals or performance. The selection Applicant performs in the preliminary round video is what we expect you to perform should you be selected for finals and/or win the competition.**
- **Finals audition Date is Saturday, April 11, 2020 from 10am-noon at The Woods campus in Riverwoods, Exeter NH (Directions attached). This audition is treated as a performance at the Riverwoods campus with a full audience, to give contestants the best possible experience in their audition. Results are given immediately following the competition.**
- **Audition times will be emailed (or mailed) two weeks prior along with the Preliminary Round Decisions and contestant feedback. Requests will be taken into consideration with audition time. The date is non-negotiable.**
- **Concert date is Sunday, May 31, 2020 at 3:00pm at The Music Hall, Portsmouth NH.**
- **PSO reserves the right to change requirements as needed in individual situations.**
- **All decisions of judges are final.**
- **Questions? Contact the PSO at 603.686.8133 or email [competition@portsmouthsymphony.org](mailto:competition@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.