



## Young Artist Competition

**43<sup>rd</sup> Season  
2009-2010**

**Competition Date:  
Saturday, January 23, 2010**

The **Houston Civic Symphony** is pleased to announce a Young Artist Competition for area instrumental students. First-prize winners in each division will be featured soloists in concert with the Houston Civic Symphony at a concert currently scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2010, 7:30p.m. at **Morris Cultural Arts Center**, on the campus of Houston Baptist University

### Competition Guidelines

- 1. Eligibility Requirements:** The competition will be open to students in the fifth through twelfth grades residing in the Houston area. Competitors from outside the greater Houston area are welcome, but any such entrants should be mindful of concert rehearsals scheduling in the event he or she is chosen as a winner. Previous winners of the Young Artist Competition are not eligible to compete within the same division.
- 2. Junior Division (Grades 5-8):**  
Orchestral instruments (strings, winds, percussion) **No piano competition for 2009-10.**  
**Senior Division (Grades 9-12):**  
Orchestral instruments (strings, winds, percussion) **No piano competition for 2009-10.**  
Up to four first-prizes may be awarded—two first-prizes in each division. Second-prize winners will receive scholarship awards, but will not perform with the Houston Civic Symphony.
- 3. Repertoire:** One movement of a large-scale work for either a solo instrument and orchestra or a double concerto or other multiple instrument work, composed with symphony orchestra accompaniment is acceptable. The movement must be less than 15 minutes long. Orchestra accompaniment parts must be readily available and approved by the Houston Civic Symphony Music Director. Memory work is suggested, but not required.
- 4. Competition Rules:** Competitors for each entry will be responsible for providing his/her own piano accompanist and orchestral reduction piano part. A concert grand piano will be available. Competitors must provide one original score for the judges to view during the competition. **Photocopies of music will not be permitted either on stage or for the judges and will result in immediate disqualification of the competitor.** Audition time will be limited to 12 minutes. Please cut orchestral *tutti* sections accordingly. The Competition Coordinator is authorized to make binding decisions regarding conformity to competition guidelines and rules.

5. **Judging:** If no performance in a division/category is deemed acceptable by the judges for a first-prize award, no winner will be declared, and there will be no performance opportunity in that division/category.
6. **Performance:** Each first-prize winner will be invited to perform with the Houston Civic Symphony as noted above. The work performed in the competition will be the work performed, unless the performer(s) and the Music Director, Houston Civic Symphony, agree on a different work.
7. **Scholarship Awards:**  
Each first-prize Senior Division winner will be awarded a \$200 scholarship. Each second-prize Senior Division winner will be awarded a \$100 scholarship. Each first-prize Junior Division winner will be awarded a \$100 scholarship. Each second-prize Junior Division winner will be awarded a \$50 scholarship. In the case of a multiple performer entry, the awarded scholarship will be shared equally between the performers.
8. **Application:** Applications must be postmarked by Wednesday, December 9, 2009 and must include a \$40 non-refundable entry fee. Applications postmarked after December 9, 2009 must include an additional \$10 late fee. **No applications postmarked after December 18, 2009 will be accepted. Hand delivered entries (which is not recommended), complete in all respects including payment of entry fee, must be in the possession of Joshua Cowan, Competition Coordinator, by that date.** Make all checks payable to the Houston Civic Symphony.
9. **Audition Dates/Times:** The competition will take place on Saturday, January 23, 2010, and will be held at Houston Baptist University. In past years, competitor performances have been scheduled between 8:30 am and 4 pm. For questions regarding the competition, please leave a message for Joshua Cowan, Director of Educational Outreach at (281) 586-2100 (Houston Civic Symphony voice mail) ,or e-mail [competition@civicsymphony.org](mailto:competition@civicsymphony.org)

The Young Artist Competition supports the mission of the **Houston Civic Symphony** -- to present great classical music and to provide a creative outlet for talented musicians.

**Young Artist Competition**  
**2009-2010 Entry Form** (please print or type)

**Check one:**  **Jr. Div.**     **Sr. Div.**

*Use multiple forms for multiple performer works. Mail together as one entry.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate:  Student     Parent

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Selection/Mvt.: \_\_\_\_\_

Composer: \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of Piece: \_\_\_\_\_

Time Request: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$40 Application Fee (mailed by December 9, 2009)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$50 Application/Late Fee (mailed no later than December 18, 2009)**

Make checks payable:

**Houston Civic Symphony**

Mail: Houston Civic Symphony  
P.O. Box 770032  
Houston, TX 77215  
Attn: Young Artist Competition Entry

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