

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 Friday, April 4, 2008, 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. Previous winners of the Young Artist Competition are not eligible to compete within the same division.

2. **Junior Division (Grades 5-8):**

1. piano
2. orchestral instruments (strings, winds, percussion)

**Senior Division (Grades 9-12):**

1. piano
2. orchestral instruments (strings, winds, percussion)

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 solo instrument and orchestra 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:** Each competitor will be responsible for providing his/her own piano accompanist and orchestral reduction piano part. Two concert grand pianos 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.

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.

8. **Application:** Applications must be postmarked by December 7, 2007 and must include a \$40 non-refundable entry fee. Applications postmarked after December 7, 2007 must include an additional \$10 late fee. **No applications postmarked after December 14, 2007 will be accepted.** Make all checks payable to the Houston Civic Symphony.

9. **Audition Dates/Times:** The auditions will take place on Saturday, January 12, 2008, and will be held at Houston Baptist University. In past years, auditions have been scheduled between 8:30 am and 4 pm. For questions regarding the competition, please leave a message for Sophia Hsieh, 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.

Houston Civic Symphony  
*Young Artist Competition*  
*2007-2008 Season Application*  
(please print or type)

**Application Fee is non-refundable.**  
*Application Form may be reproduced.*

Check one:  Jr. Div.  Sr. Div.

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

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

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

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

Reason for request: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$40 Application Fee

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Application/Late Fee

Make checks payable:

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**41<sup>st</sup> Season**  
**2007-2008**

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**Saturday, January 12, 2008**