



28th Annual Young Artist Competition

Video Entries Due: Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Semi Finals: Saturday, January 5, 2019

Honors Recital: Sunday, January 6, 2019

Presented by the Ocala Symphony Orchestra

Matthew Wardell, Music Director & Conductor

Cash Awards

*Appearances with the
Ocala Symphony Orchestra*

Special Honors Recital for Finalists

OCALA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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The Ocala Symphony Orchestra is a member of the League of American Orchestras.

OCALA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 2017 YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

The Ocala Symphony Orchestra is pleased to announce its **28th Annual Young Artist Competition**. One of the Ocala Symphony Orchestra's missions is to motivate and enhance the musical careers of outstanding young musicians, and to assist them by providing an opportunity to be a soloist with a full, professional orchestra.

Piano, voice, and instrumental students throughout the U.S. are encouraged to compete. **Please read ALL** of the information carefully before applying, and call the OSO at (352) 351-1606 if you have any questions.

AWARDS:

- *Winners* will perform as soloists with the OSO at the Reilly Arts Center on **Saturday, February 16th, 2019 at 7:30 PM AND Sunday, February 17th, 2019 at 3:00 PM.**
- *Winners* will also receive a cash award of \$1,000 presented as a check at the February performances.
- *Finalists* from each division will receive a cash award of \$150, presented during the Honors Recital.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Musicians ages 12-25 are eligible to compete. Applicants must be enrolled as music students, either with an educational institution or private teacher. This will be verified by the OSO administrators.
 - Junior Division = ages 12-18; Includes eighteen-year-old high school students.
 - Senior Division = ages 18-25; Includes eighteen-year-old post-high school students.

DATES AND DEADLINES:

- **Written application and video audition will be due on Tuesday, December 11, 2018.** Audition videos are accepted via YouTube or other online formats. Links may also be sent to Pamela Calero, Executive Director, at pamela@reillyartscenter.com
- A \$25.00 non-refundable entry fee must be included with the application (checks made payable to the Ocala Symphony Orchestra). This fee will be refunded if the applicant is ineligible due to lack of criteria detailed below
- Verification e-mails and audition times will be sent after all applications have been processed.
- Applicants will be individually notified by **Tuesday, December 18, 2018.**

Round Two: Semi-Finalists will audition live in a second round on **Saturday, Jan 5, 2019** at the Reilly.

Final Round: The final round, open to the public, will be held on **Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019** at the Reilly.

Other Information:

- All contestants, finalists, and their families will receive complimentary tickets to the Honors Recital.
- Winners will be required to attend up to two OSO rehearsals and the dress rehearsal in the week prior to the performances. The music teacher of each winner is invited to attend all rehearsals.
- Winners will receive two complimentary tickets for *each* February concert (16th and 17th). Additional tickets are available for purchase. All ticket requests must be placed three days before the concert. After the three days, requests must be placed one hour before the concert at the door.

RULES:

- The applicant must be nominated for the audition by the appropriate applied teacher.
- Memorization is not required, but those who perform from memory may have an advantage.
- Winners and Finalists **must** perform their audition repertoire in the Honors Recital and for the February concerts. **Applicants must select pieces that can be performed with orchestra and have readily available orchestral parts.**
- Concert performance duration should not exceed 15 minutes. Audition: Accompaniment cuts are encouraged to reduce time slots to 8-10 minutes.
- Applicants are responsible for their own expenses (i.e. travel), and **must provide an accompanist, a complete original piano score, and one copy** of the score or solo part at their auditions.
- Previous winners are ineligible for the audition, but all previous *finalists* are encouraged to apply.
- Application constitutes the contestant's authorization to use their name, photo, and biographical information in all forms of media used to promote current and future competitions/performances.
- All decisions of the judges are final, and comments should be respected as constructive.

APPLICATION FORM

Please PRINT. Additional information, such as a résumé, may be provided on a separate sheet attached to this application.

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Division: ___Junior (ages 12-18) ___Senior (ages 18-25) Social Security Number: _____ (for payment)

Instrument or Voice Part: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____ Home Telephone (_____) _____

E-Mail (required): _____

Music Education/Teachers: _____

(additional information can be attached)

Performance History: _____

(additional information can be attached)

Full Title of Performance Selection: _____

Movement(s) _____ Opus _____ Key _____

Composer(s) _____ Composer's birth/death years _____

Performance Timing _____ (mins.) Audition Timing _____ (mins.) (see rules for info)

Accompanist's Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Instructor's Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

I recommend the student named above as a candidate for the 2019 Young Artist Competition.

Signature of **Instructor**: _____ **Date** _____

I affirm that I have read and will comply with the competition rules if I am selected as a candidate for the 2017 Young Artist Competition.

Signature of **Applicant**: _____ **Date** _____

Return this form no later than Tuesday, December 11, 2018 with a check for the non-refundable \$25.00 entry fee payable to the Ocala Symphony Orchestra to 500 NE 9th Street, Ocala, FL 34470.