



Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra

Young Performers Concerto Competition

The Young Performers Concerto Competition for the Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra will be held on Saturday, 9 January 2021, at the LaSalle-Peru High School Auditorium from 9:00 am through 1:00 pm. Winners will perform with the Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra on Friday, 19 February 2021, at LaSalle-Peru High School at 9:30am and at JFK Elementary School in Spring Valley at 1 pm. Winners will also perform with the IVSO on Sunday, 7 March 2021 at 3 pm in the LaSalle-Peru High School Auditorium.

Students who are recognized as 1st Runner Up and Honorable Mention(s) in both divisions will be given the opportunity to be recognized for their accomplishments as well. We will have an Honors Recital on Friday, 5 February 2021 at 6:00pm at the Music Suite, 408 Westclox Fine Arts Factory.

Cash scholarships will be awarded ~ \$100.00 for Junior Division (grades 6-9) and \$200.00 for Senior Division (grades 9-12). Students in grade 9 may choose to audition in either division but may only win a respective division once.

Participants should select an audition piece for which an orchestral accompaniment is available. Winners, with assistance, are responsible for securing the orchestral accompaniment for the piece they perform. If teachers have any questions about availability, please consult Larry Ault, the IVSO Librarian at aultr51@gmail.com.

Those who wish to audition must live or study with an instructor who lives within the Illinois Valley Community College district or as east as Morris. Students must provide their own accompanist (including pianists that audition as soloists); three (3) copies of your score (with measures numbered), and observe a nine (9) minute time limit for audition length. Memorization is encouraged, but not mandatory.

Applications for auditioning are being sent to area school music instructors and as many private teachers as possible. The enclosed application may be duplicated. Applications may also be obtained by calling 815-431-0510 or by writing Larry Ault at 1300 Briarcrest Drive, Ottawa IL 61350. **Applications MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE 8 NOVEMBER 2020.**

We have had outstanding student soloists in the past. Students gain much knowledge through such performance opportunities. Please share in the rich heritage of IVSO in the Illinois Valley and surrounding areas by encouraging your students to participate in this wonderful musical opportunity.

Sincerely,

Larry Ault
Competition Coordinator
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Eligibility: Any vocal, piano or instrumental musician who resides or studies within the Illinois Valley Community College district or as far east on I-80 as Morris. Any one of the following relationships will suffice for the purposes of eligibility.

- Student lives in the defined area
- Student studies with a music teacher who lives in the defined area
- Students may only win a respective division once.

Repertoire: Any work suitable for soloist and symphony orchestra, not to exceed 9 minutes. (*Double and triple concerti are welcome with the understanding that if selected as winners prize money will be divided between performers*). Memorization is encouraged but is not required. Participant will be notified if there are questions regarding availability of orchestral parts.

Competition Divisions and Prizes:

Junior Division: Grades 6 – 9*

Senior Division: Grades 9 – 12

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A winner will be selected from each division. Winners will perform with the Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra on Friday, 19 February 2021 at LaSalle-Peru High School at 9:30am and at JFK Elementary School, Spring Valley, at 1 pm. Winners will also perform with the IVSO on Sunday, 7 March 2021, at 3 pm in the LaSalle-Peru High School Auditorium. Winners will be awarded a monetary gift as well as certificate of achievement. The decision of the judges is final.

Date: Auditions will be held on Saturday, 9 January 2021 at the LaSalle-Peru High School Auditorium from 9 am-1:00 pm. Participants will be notified in advance of their scheduled audition time no later than 11 December 2020.

Application & Fee: Application fee is \$10.00 payable to IVSO. This fee must accompany the written entrant application. (*If double or triple concerto, each member must pay the individual application fee and submit all materials with the application*). The application form enclosed, or a copy of it, must be returned postmarked on or before November 8, 2020 to **Larry Ault at 1300 Briarcrest Drive, Ottawa IL 61350.**

Information: For a copy of the application, please go to www.IVSO.com and print or you may phone the Competition Coordinator: Larry Ault, phone 815-431-0510

**Please observe the checklist for final application preparation
All information below MUST be submitted**

- Completed Application
- \$10.00 entry fee payable to Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra (IVSO)
- Short biographical sketch

IVSO Young Performers Concerto Competition APPLICATION FORM

(PLEASE PRINT ~ FILL OUT BOTH SIDES OF THIS APPLICATION)

I WISH TO ENTER THE ILLINOIS VALLEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA YOUNG PERFORMERS COMPETITION.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ EMAIL: _____

DIVISION: Junior please indicate grade 6 7 8 9
Senior please indicate grade 9 10 11 12

FOR DOUBLE OR TRIPLE CONCERTO: please list additional names of soloists here and submit all applications and materials (bios & application fees) together. All applications and fees must be submitted before entrant(s) are accepted into the competition.

Name _____ Instrument _____

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*In instances where one member is Junior Division and one is Senior Division, ensemble must compete in Senior Division.

Name of School: _____

Instrument: _____ Piano: _____ Vocal: _____
Please indicate instrument

Work to be performed:

Composer _____

_____ Movement: _____
Title with Opus # if applicable

Arranger _____

Publisher _____

Accompanist _____ Phone _____

Please mark all cuts on score. **Applicant is responsible for 3 copies of solo.** Do not send with application.

I have read and understand the rules governing the IVSO Young Performers Competition and recognize the decision of the judges is final.

Signature of applicant _____

_____ Date

Signature of parent and/or private instructor _____

_____ Date

Please include a short biographical sketch with your application including parent(s) name(s), private instructor, years of study, musical affiliations, honors, and experiences. Winners will be asked to submit four (4) color photos for promotional use.

Students will receive their comment sheets from the competition and will be sent directly to the student's private instructor. Please include the following information to help us facilitate returning this information to you in the timeliest manner.

Accompanist's Information

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Private Instructor's Information

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

If instructor wishes to have comment sheets mailed to an institution instead of residence please list that as address. (Ex: Teacher's Name, Name of Institution, IVCC, Address, etc.)