

Magic Valley Symphony Youth Soloist Competition -- October 2020 Concert

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant shall reside, attend or have attended school in the Magic Valley (Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Elmore, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln and Twin Falls counties).
2. Applicant shall be 22 years or younger on September 1, 2020.
3. Applicants who performed with the MVS in the Youth Soloists concert in October 2018 are not eligible to audition in 2020 but may do so in future years with the following exceptions:
 - a. A youth soloist may compete on an instrument different from the one on which the contestant previously performed (*e.g.*, piano in 2018, violin in 2020).
 - b. An applicant who previously performed as a soloist may compete as part of a group (*e.g.*, duet or trio).

MUSIC SELECTION

1. Eligible instruments include voice, piano and orchestral instruments including saxophone, euphonium and percussion.
2. Applicants will perform a single movement or aria from the selected piece absent unusual circumstances.
3. The applicant's selection must have an available published orchestral accompaniment.
4. The MVS Music Director shall review the applicant's selection and decide whether a selection is musically appropriate and within the performance parameters of the MVS. The MVS shall also consider rental availability and cost. The MVS will promptly notify the applicant if there is a problem with the selection.
5. In addition to solo instruments, duets and trios and other small groups are eligible; however, any non-solo selection must be approved in advance of the audition by the MVS Music Director.

AUDITION SCHEDULE

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| 1. May 13, 2020 | Application due date (completed applications must be post- marked or emailed by this date or they will not be considered) |
| 2. May 23, 2020 | Applicants will be notified of the date, time and place of auditions. |
| 3. Early June 2020 | Auditions (Usually the first Saturday in June). |
| 4. End of June 2020 | Winners Announced. |

AUDITION PROCESS

1. Applicants will be notified two weeks before the audition regarding the date, time and place.
2. The MVS usually invites three highly qualified musicians from outside the area to judge the applicants.
 - a. Judges will not be screened during the performances.
 - b. No observers are allowed in the hall.
3. A contestant must perform the selection in its entirety but may elect to omit repeats and/or extended orchestral sections. Contestants will be offered a two-minute period on stage to get a feel for the hall, the piano or tune string/wind/brass instruments. During this time, the contestant may play scales or other exercises, **not** the piece to be performed. Practice rooms will be available for warm-up.
4. The judges usually recommend two to four competitors as soloists with the MVS based upon the quality of each individual's audition. In 2016, they recommended two performers. In 2018, three contestants performed with the MVS and one with the Youth Symphony.

AWARDS

The MVS may make monetary awards to soloists in an amount determined by the MVS.