The Sixth Annual
/RISING STAR
Concerto Competition
for high school string players (violin, viola, cello, string bass)

Preliminary Round
Recorded Applications
Postmarked by Nov. 30, 2015

Final Round Live Auditions
Jan. 17, 2016

/First Prize
Concerto Performance with the Southeast Missouri Symphony Orchestra on its April 26, 2016 Symphony Series Concert and a $750 cash award

/Second Prize
$300 cash award

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Southeast Missouri Symphony Orchestra
Rising Star Young Artist Concerto Competition for high school string players
(Violin, Viola, Cello or String Bass)

Preliminary Round Application postmarked by: Monday, Nov. 30, 2015

To be chosen as a finalist in the Rising Star Concerto Competition, all applicants must submit a preliminary round application as described below. Finalists will be selected on the basis of the taped audition and will be notified of their status by Dec. 16, 2015. Finalists will be invited to compete in live auditions at the Robert F. and Gertrude L. Shuck Music Recital Hall on Jan. 17, 2016.

Eligibility: High school students with a minimum age of 13 and maximum age of 19.
Not Eligible: Any students who are currently enrolled full-time in a college or university.

Repertoire: One movement with cadenza, not to exceed 15 minutes, of any standard concerto for stringed instrument (violin, viola, cello, or string bass) and orchestra. Competition performance must be from memory and with pianist. Repertoire restrictions: Saint- Saëns, Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso, Op. 28, and the Saint- Saëns Violin Concerto No. 3 are excluded from this competition due to programmatic considerations. Please consult the artistic director of the Southeast Missouri Symphony Orchestra at sedgerton@semo.edu with any questions about repertoire.

Application (Preliminary Round): A non-refundable fee of $35 and CD or DVD recording must accompany the application form and must be postmarked no later than Nov. 30, 2015. The recording must be a live, unedited performance of the concerto selection with accompanist. Make check payable to “Southeast Missouri State University,” and mail to: Dr. Sara Edgerton, Department of Music, MS7800, Southeast Missouri State University, One University Plaza, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. All applicants must also submit a short biography and one wallet-sized photograph as part of the application. Finalists will be notified by Dec. 16, 2015.

Final Round Live Competition:
Time: 1 – 4 p.m.; Rehearsal times in the Hall will be scheduled from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. the morning of Jan. 17, 2016.

Accompanist: Entrants will provide their own accompanist. Teachers may accompany their own students. A list of area accompanists will be provided upon request.

Awards: First Place: The winner will receive (1) a $750 cash prize; (2) performance with the Southeast Missouri Symphony on April 26, 2016; (3) music scholarship to Southeast Missouri State University (if eligible). If the winner cannot perform on the concert date, he/she forfeits all awards. Second Place: The second place winner will receive a $300 cash prize.

Additional regulations for finalists in the Concerto Competition (Jan. 17, 2016):
- Each finalist must provide the judges with one score.
- The competition will be open to the public.
- The decision of the judges is final; the judges reserve the right not to select a first place and/or second place winner.
- The winner must be available to perform with the Southeast Missouri Symphony on April 26, 2016. The winner must also be available to rehearse with the symphony as required by the orchestra director; failure to adhere to agreed-upon rehearsal times will result in forfeiting the awards and the performance.
- The winner must perform the same concerto movement in the competition and in the orchestral concert.
- The winner of the Rising Star Competition is ineligible to compete again in this competition; the second place runner-up is eligible to compete in future years.

For more information, please contact the director of the Rising Star Competition: Dr. Sara Edgerton, Department of Music, Southeast Missouri State University: (573) 651-2140; sedgerton@semo.edu

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Application Postmark Date: Nov. 30, 2015
Finalists Competition Date: Jan. 17, 2016

Name: ____________________________________________

Parents’ Names: ___________________________________ Home Phone: ____________________________

Student’s Cell Phone: _____________________________ Student’s Email: ____________________________

Parents’ Cell Phone: _______________________________ Parents’ Email: ____________________________

Address: __________________________ City: __________ State: _______ Zip: __________

Name of High School: ___________________________ Grade: _______ Date of Birth: ________________

Name of Current Private Teacher: __________________________

Private Teacher’s Phone Number: ___________________________

Private Teacher’s Email: ________________________________

Title/Movement of Concerto Selection: __________________________

Composer: __________________________ Timing: __________ (15 minutes maximum)

Accompanist: ________________________________

Accompanist’s Phone Number: ___________________________

Accompanist’s Email Address: ____________________________

Please sign below. Your signature indicates your acceptance of the guidelines and regulations for the Rising Star competition as outlined on the information sheet.

Student Signature: ________________________________

Parent Signature: ________________________________

Teacher Signature: ________________________________

Please include the following:
-Application form
-Entry fee ($35, made payable to “Southeast Missouri State University”)
-CD or DVD recording of concerto selection
-Biography and one photograph

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