

The Second Annual Rising Star Concerto Competition

For High School String Players (Violin, Viola, Cello, String Bass)

Preliminary Round Taped Applications
Postmarked by Nov. 30, 2011

Final Round Live Auditions
Feb. 4, 2012

Donald C. Bedell Performance Hall at the River Campus

First Prize

Concerto Performance with the
Southeast Missouri Symphony Orchestra
on its Symphony Series Concert on May 1, 2012
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: Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011

Finalists Competition: Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012

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. 20, 2011. Finalists will be invited to compete in live auditions at the Donald C. Bedell Performance Hall on Feb. 4, 2012.

Eligibility: High school students (grades 9 – 12) 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: Rising Star Concerto performed in the previous season (2010-2011: Sibelius Violin Concerto is excluded from this competition). 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 \$30 and CD must accompany the application form and must be postmarked no later than Nov. 30, 2011. The CD 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. 20, 2011.

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 Feb. 4, 2012.

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 May 1, 2012; (3) music scholarship to Southeast Missouri State University (if eligible). If the winner cannot perform on the concert date, he/she forfeits all awards to the second place winner. Second Place: The second place winner will receive a \$300 cash prize.

Additional regulations for finalists in the Concerto Competition (Feb. 4, 2012):

- Each finalist must provide the judges with one score.
- The competition will be open to the public and will be recorded for archival purposes.
- 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 May 1, 2012. 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, 2011

Finalists Competition Date: Feb. 4, 2012

Name: _____

Parents Names: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cellular Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of high school: _____ Grade: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of current private teacher: _____

Private teacher's telephone number: _____

Private teacher's e-mail: _____

Name and address of hometown newspaper: _____

Title/movement of Concerto selection: _____

Composer: _____ Timing: _____
(15 minutes maximum)

Accompanist: _____

Accompanist's telephone number: _____

Accompanist's e-mail 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 (\$30, made payable to "Southeast Missouri State University")
- CD of concerto selection
- Biography and one photograph

Mail to: Dr. Sara Edgerton, Department of Music, MS7800, Southeast Missouri State University,
One University Plaza, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701