Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra
Neal Gittleman, Artistic Director

David L. Pierson
Annual
Young Musicians'
Concerto Competition

Saturday, June 27, 2020
Mathile Theatre,
Schuster Center

Purpose

To identify outstanding talented musicians in the greater Dayton metropolitan and surrounding areas; to encourage young, talented musicians to pursue further study; and to stimulate competition among area musicians.
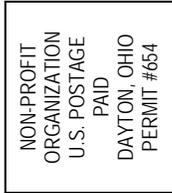
Eligibility

The competition is open to those area high school students who will be in grades 10–12 during the 2020–2021 academic year.

◆ Each contestant must have the recommendation of both his/her private and public school music teacher.

◆ Each contestant must be a member of a high school music group (band or orchestra) and remain a member of this group during the 2020–2021 academic year.

   Note: Exceptions are made for piano students for whom there are limited opportunities for performance, as well as home school students or those from schools where there are no such music groups.

◆ First-place winners from previous auditions may not enter again.

◆ Contestants may audition on any orchestral instrument.

◆ Contestants must be legal residents of the state of Ohio. Exceptions to this requirement may be made for contestants who are members of Dayton Philharmonic Youth Orchestras or students of Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra musicians.

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Standards

Contestants will be judged to the highest artistic standards. Distinguished area musicians have been selected to judge the preliminary competition. Artistic Director Neal Gittleman will judge the final competition. Decisions of the judges are final.

Repertoire

Each contestant should select a composition for solo instrument and orchestra from the orchestral repertoire appropriate to his/her instrument. The audition selection must be memorized, and each contestant must provide the judges with an original copy of the composition with measure numbers marked. **The repertoire selection should be not less than 3 minutes or more than 8 minutes in length.** Only one movement of a concerto is required and if the movement is more than 8 minutes, the winner may be required to make cuts for performance. Each contestant must arrange for a competent accompanist, if needed.

Fee

A check for $45 must be included with the contestant's application. Should the application be rejected for any reason, the fee will be refunded. If a contestant withdraws from the competition for any reason after being accepted, the fee will be retained by the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance.

General Information

Each contestant will be notified of the exact time of his/her audition about five days prior to June 27, 2020. The contestant must report to the Schuster Center at least 15 minutes before audition time in order to register. Warm-up rooms will be available.

The preliminary round of auditions will be held in the morning, and three finalists will be selected to perform for the final judging beginning at approximately 12:00 noon. Only contestants and their accompanists will be admitted to the preliminary audition room. The final round of auditions are open to the public.

All contestants are expected to be available later in the morning to hear if they have advanced to the final round. The final round of auditions takes place immediately following the announcement of finalists.

Awards

Neal Gittleman, Artistic Director of the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra, will judge the finalists immediately following the preliminaries. If, in the Artistic Director's opinion, a winner should be chosen, that person will receive a $500 prize and will perform at a Young People's Concert during the 2020-2021 season. Second- and third-place winners will receive $200 and $100 awards, respectively.

Application Deadline

Contestants wishing to enter this competition should complete the application form on the next page and send it with the $45 application fee to the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance, 126 N. Main St, Suite 210, Dayton OH 45402. An application form is also available online at www.daytonperformingarts.org. **Applications must be postmarked no later than June 8, 2020.**

Questions?

Contact Alex Ignatiou, Education Program Coordinator; 937-224-3521 x1140; aignatiou@daytonperformingarts.org

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APPLICATION FORM

(Form also available online at
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Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State _____ Zip_____

Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

School _____ Grade _____

Email _____

Instrument _____

Composition Title _____

Movement (if applicable) _____

Composer _____

Length of Composition (in minutes, with cuts) _____

Years of Private Study _____

Accompanist's Name _____

If your accompanist is accompanying other applicants, list their names:

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Please give any information that may be needed for scheduling purposes:

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TEACHERS' ENDORSEMENTS

Private Teacher

Signature _____
                    (Private Teacher)

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State ___ Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Public School Band/Orchestra Director (if applicable)

Signature _____
                    (Public School Teacher)

Name _____
School _____
Email _____

All of above information is **required** for valid application.

IMPORTANT

Make checks for $45 payable to
'Dayton Performing Arts Alliance'

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Send to:

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Dayton Performing Arts Alliance
126 North Main St., Suite 210
Dayton, OH 45402

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Paid /Date_____ Check# _____

Audition Time _____

Check one: ☐ Other _____
☐ Brass ☐ Piano ☐ Woodwinds ☐ Strings

Ranking _____