

Longmont Symphony Orchestra

Andrew D. Keller Young Artist Competition 2011-2012

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To: Young Musicians & Music teachers

This is the announcement of the annual LSO Andrew D. Keller Young Artist Competition.

For fairness and to encourage participation, the rules are stabilized and explicit. Refer especially to section 2.0, which describes eligibility. Please read rules carefully, and if you have any questions, please contact me at the number below and leave a message. **There are have been changes in the entry due date and the competition date.** The performance date is still at the LSO Family Concert: Saturday, January 28, 2012.

There is a \$10 entry fee.

This is an opportunity for young musicians, through the 12th grade, to gain a unique positive experience in a competition situation. In addition to monetary prizes, one (or more) winner may be selected to perform with the Longmont Symphony Orchestra. **THE CHOSEN WINNER(S) MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCE.**

Please copy these materials and make them available to other young musicians who may be eligible for the Competition.

Key dates:

The deadline for application is **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011.**

The competition will be held **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2011.**

Best Regards,

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Attachments:

Rules (2 -sided page)

Longmont Symphony Orchestra

Andrew D. Keller Young Artist Competition

Rules - 2011-2012 Season

1.0 Prizes

1.1 There are two competition categories as described below:

1.2 Contestant school grade:

Category A: 1st through 8th grade

Category B: 9th through 12th grade

1.3 The prizes are:

Category A: First Place, \$300; Second Place, \$150; Third Place, \$100.

Category B: First Place, \$500; Second Place, \$300; Third Place, \$150.

1.3.1 The Longmont Symphony Orchestra (LSO) reserves the right to withhold any or all prizes. Award of the Second Place Prize requires there be at least four competitors per category. Award of the Third Place Prize requires that there be at least six competitors per category. Awards will be presented at the Family Concert, January 28, 2012.

1.4 The judges, in consultation with the Music Director or his designate, may choose one Category Winner to appear in performance with the LSO in our Family Concert, Saturday, January 28, 2012, details of which will be announced later. At the discretion of the Music Director, or his designate, one or more Category Winners may be invited to perform in two daytime LSO concerts for students (to be held Friday, January 27, 2011). Those chosen to perform with the LSO will be given specific expectations regarding rehearsals and public appearances. WINNER(S) MUST BE AVAILABLE TO PERFORM AND ATTEND THE REQUIRED REHEARSALS.

1.5 Public acknowledgement of all finalists will be given.

2.0 Eligibility

2.1 Place of residence: Open to students of any school-public, private, parochial, home, or charter - through the 12th grade, who reside:

2.2.1 Within the boundaries of the St. Vrain Valley School District.

2.2.2 Or in the area surrounding Longmont which is bounded by and includes: to the north Loveland, to the northeast Milliken; to the east Platteville; to the southeast Fort Lupton; to the south Broomfield, to the southwest Niwot; to the west Allenspark; and to the northwest Estes Park.

2.2 Exceptions: Any student through the 12th grade who regularly performs with the Longmont Junior Youth or Youth Symphonies, or the Longmont Symphony Orchestra, is eligible, no matter place of residence.

2.3 Previous winners: No First Place winners may succeed themselves in the same Category.

2.4 One application per person, per year.

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3.0 Judging

3.1 Two or more qualified judges will be recruited.

4.0 Competition Criteria

4.1 Instrumentalists must perform, by memory, one movement or section of a concerto or other form for which orchestral accompaniment is readily available.

4.2 Vocalists must perform, by memory, two solos in the original language, for which orchestral accompaniment is readily available.

4.3 Each competitor must submit a CD-R or audio cassette tape (no video recordings) of the competition piece with accompaniment as described on the Application Form. If you do not have access to this recording medium, contact Ms. Merrell (see bottom of page) to discuss alternatives. The LSOs Music Director will audition each recorded competition performance and select finalists for live competition.

4.4 For the live competition, the repertoire must be the same as submitted on the recording. The performance should be about 10 minutes long, and must not exceed 12 minutes. Contestants must furnish their own accompanist.

4.5 Tuttis may be shortened or eliminated on the recording and at the competition to limit the work to about 10 minutes. Note that if selected for concert performance, the work must be "uncut."

4.6 The final live competition will be held on Saturday, DECEMBER 10, 2011 at Longs Peak United Methodist Church, Longmont. Approximate time for appearance will be provided a week before the competition.

4.7 Note for piano contestants: Those selected for live competition may be offered the opportunity to practice on the piano at the Longs Peak United Methodist Church during times to be specified. Details will be provided as necessary.

4.8 Competitors in each category must compete with their competitors during the category times to be eligible for an award. Students who cannot compete with their category may be offered the opportunity to play for comments, but will not be eligible for an award.

Key Points

Please note Eligibility rules, section 2.0 regarding place of residence.

Deadline for submission of entry: **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011.**

For guidance about music for competition, see your music teacher.

There is an entry fee of \$10.

Submitting Your Entry:

- Completed Application form, typed or clearly printed in black ink.
 - Your audition CD-R, or an audio cassette tape labeled with your name, composer, title of composition, and your playing time. It will not be returned. (See section 4.3)
 - Include a copy of your music.
 - Include a check for \$10 made out to the "Longmont Symphony Orchestra."
 - One entry per envelope, mailed to Longmont Symphony Orchestra, P.O. Box 74, Longmont, Colorado 80502 **or** delivered in person to the Competition Chairman, Ms. Merrell, at the symphony office, 519 Main Street, Longmont, Colorado - by **Monday, November 7, 2011.**
- Please call for office hours 303-772-5796.