



Young Artist Solo Competition Guidelines 2019-2020

The **Starlight Symphony Orchestra** is hosting a solo competition and invites outstanding musical youth to compete. The top performers will be selected as the featured soloists with the Starlight Symphony Orchestra and will perform at the Young Artist Concerts on March 14th & 15th, 2020. The solo competition is open to all orchestral instruments including brass, percussion, piano, strings, and woodwinds. Suitable pieces are solo works that are intended to be performed with orchestral accompaniment. Examples of such pieces are a movement of a concerto, or one, two, or three movements of a suite, divertimento, or concertina. Students performing slow movements may want to also include a contrasting fast movement. Time length of your selection should not exceed 15 minutes. **Important: Please check with your music director/private lesson teacher to verify the existence of an orchestral accompaniment and availability.**

Eligibility: The Young Artist Solo Competition is open to all students currently enrolled thru high school.

Applications: All applications must be postmarked no later than **December 6, 2019**.

Auditions: January 4, 2020 from 8:00am - 8:00pm at Texas State University Music Building, 101 Pleasant St, San Marcos, TX 78666

Multiple professional adjudicators will hear the auditions. Participants are required to provide their own accompanist for the audition. Three copies of the sheet music for the performed piece must be supplied to the adjudicators at the audition. Music may be used for auditions but must be memorized for the performances. Music selection will need to be selections that have orchestral accompaniment available.

Awards: Winning soloists will receive a certificate and a \$500 scholarship towards their education in music and will perform with the **Starlight Symphony Orchestra on March 14 & 15, 2020**. Winners must be available to perform on both concert dates and be available to rehearse with the orchestra prior to the concerts. Winners must be available for publicity photos and interviews to be scheduled. Winners must provide a photo and bio by January 20, 2020. Any students who have received compensation from the SSO for musician services will not be eligible. Any student who has previously received a Young Artist Scholarship Award will not be selected as a soloist the next consecutive year.

Application and Entry Fee: A completed application form and non-refundable entry fee of \$30.00 must be received postmarked by **December 6, 2019**. Please send to Starlight Symphony Orchestra, P.O Box 171, Wimberley, TX 78676.



Full Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____
Cell: () _____ **Home:** () _____
Work: () _____
Email: _____

- Open to all musicians through high school.
- The piece chosen must be one that has an orchestrated accompaniment available. *Please contact your music director, or private lesson teacher to verify it meets the necessary requirement.*
- You will be asked to audition the piece with a live piano accompaniment in front of several judges.
- If selected as a competition winner, you will perform your solo with the orchestra on **March 14 & 15, 2020.**
- If selected you will be asked to memorize the piece prior to the concerts and to attend several rehearsals, usually Thursday evenings at the Hays CISD Performing Arts Center in Kyle.
- Please choose a piece, or movement of a piece, no longer than fifteen minutes in length.

Submit application and interest to Todd Sloan to secure your audition date and time by emailing youngartist@starlightsymphony.org. Please mail your application fee of \$30.00 to:

Starlight Symphony Orchestra
Young Artist Competition - Todd Sloan
PO Box 171, Wimberley, TX 78676

- APPLICATION DEADLINE: **DECEMBER 6, 2019**
- AUDITION DATE: **JANUARY 4, 2020 TIME: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM**
Location: Texas State University Music Building, 101 Pleasant St, San Marcos, TX 78666

School: _____ Grade: _____
Instrument: _____
Band/Orchestra Director: _____
Private Teacher: _____ Phone: _____
Private Teacher Email: _____
Accompanist: _____
Full Title of Piece chosen (Please include any identifying information such as Opus, No., BWV, etc.) : _____
Title of Movement & Number: _____
Composer: _____
Publisher: _____ Copyright date: _____
Length of piece (minutes) _____
Current/Previous Awards/Honors you have received:

If student is under the age of 18, the parent or guardian of the child above, agree to allow my child to participate in the competition and agree to have his/her photograph taken before, during and after the competition for Starlight Symphony Orchestra's purposes.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____