

Steinway Piano Gallery Concerto Competition

Conditions of Entry 2009 – 2010

1. The Steinway Piano Gallery concerto Competition is open to any current Murfreesboro Youth Orchestra or Preparatory String Orchestra member in good standing. Students may compete on any orchestral instrument. Entries on piano are not accepted.
2. There are two Divisions:
 - a. **Senior** – 15 years or older as of November 15, 2009
 - b. **Junior** – 14 years or younger as of November 15, 2009
3. **Awards:**
 - a. **Two Senior Division winners** – each receives a cash award of \$250 and a solo performance with the Murfreesboro Youth Orchestra during the Spring concert
 - b. **Junior First Place** – receives a cash award of \$175
 - c. **Junior Second Place** – receives a cash award of \$125

4. **Senior Division: Sunday, November 15, 2009. Location: MTSU School of Music**

All Senior Division applicants **MUST** choose their work from the MYO Senior Repertoire List ([click here to view](#)). This list is available at www.myorchestra.org. The competition will take place in one round and is closed to the public. Each entrant will perform his/her work with piano accompaniment for the judges. The work title of the work listed on the student's Entry Form ([click here to complete and email](#)) cannot be changed for the competition (this includes movement). Taped performances will not be accepted. All winners will be chosen and announced at the conclusion of the competition

Senior Division Application Form ([click here to complete and email](#)), signed **Terms of Agreement Form** ([click here to complete and email](#)), one copy of your music with measure numbers at the beginning of each line, and **Entry Fee of \$15** are **due by Thursday, October 22, 2009**.

It is recommended that all contestants show their completed application to the Music Director for approval prior to this date.

5. **Junior Division: Sunday, April 4, 2010. Location: MTSU School of Music**

Applicants may perform **any** one-movement concerto, movement of a concerto, or instrumental solo with piano accompaniment. Students **do not** have to select a work from the Senior Repertoire List. Sonatas or movements from a sonata are not acceptable. The competition will take place in one round, and is closed to the public. Results will be announced immediately following the competition. Taped performances will not be accepted. Cash awards will be presented at the Murfreesboro Youth Orchestra Spring Concert.

Junior Division Application Form ([click here to complete and email](#)), signed **Terms of Agreement Form** ([click here to complete and email](#)), one copy of your music with

measure numbers at the beginning of each line, and **Entry Fee of \$15** are **due by Thursday, March 11, 2010. Please make checks payable to MYO. It is recommended that all contestants show their completed application to the Music Director for approval prior to the due date.**

6. **Both Senior and Junior Divisions:**

Playing from memory is highly encouraged but not required. All entrants must perform with piano accompaniment. Contestants are responsible for securing their own accompanist. Upon request, the MYO will offer a list of available accompanists in the Murfreesboro area., but each contestant must make his/her own arrangements for rehearsals and performance date. The MYO assumes no artistic responsibility for the accompanists recommended. Introductory accompaniment (tutti sections) should be limited to several lead-in measures only and other lengthy tutti sections during the work should be shortened as well. See the Music Director for questions or suggestions about cuts.

7. Performances will be judged on the basis of tone, pitch, technical and rhythmic accuracy, musicality, interpretive merit, and stage presence. Judges have the option to select one or more player for Honorable Mention. There are no performance opportunities or cash awards in connection Honorable Mention designations, nor are judges under any obligation or limitation in the naming of such performers.
8. The decision of the Adjudicators is final and no discussion will be entered into. The judges reserve the right not to award prizes.
9. **Important Note:** Senior Division winners who perform with the MYO cannot enter the competition in subsequent years **on the same instrument.**
10. The MYO Concerto Competition Committee will assign each entrant a performance time for the day of the competition. Competitors must be prepared to perform at his/her scheduled time. Times will not be reassigned. The entrant must perform in person. **Taped performances will not be accepted.**
11. A fee of \$15 is payable for each entry. All entries must be made on the official entry form and accompanied by the full and correct entry fee. . Checks should be made payable to MYO.
12. All competitors perform at their own risk and the MYO will not accept responsibility for accidents or misadventure.
13. No provision is made for private rehearsal in the Concerto Competition venue.
14. If a winner leaves the MYO or PSO for any reason during the orchestra season, he/she automatically forfeits the right to perform his/her solo with the MYO. There is no provision for a “back-up” winner unless otherwise decided by the Music Director.

15. The Music Director/Conductor reserves the right to cancel a soloist's performance with the MYO due to unusual mitigating circumstances, inadequate preparation on the part of the soloist, or irresolvable artistic differences with the soloist. In this event the performer will be notified in writing. The MYO is not responsible for any costs incurred by the soloist as a result of such unforeseen cancellations. If for any reason a Senior Division winner cannot fulfill his/her obligation to perform with the orchestra, he/forfeits the cash prize associated with that award. Exceptions may be made in the case of serious illness or death in the family. Final decisions will be made by the MYO Steinway Piano Gallery Concerto Competition Committee.
16. Each contestant must include one copy of their music with their entry documents and fee. Each line of the music must be marked with measure numbers.

To enter the Steinway Piano Concerto Competition, please submit the following documents and payment by the appropriate due dates outlined above:

- A. A completed and signed Terms of Agreement ([click to complete and email](#))
- B. A completed Concerto Application Form ([click to complete and email](#))
- C. One copy of your music with measure numbers at the beginning of each line
- D. An entry fee of \$15