



Plano Symphony Orchestra

2010

COLLIN COUNTY YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

Sponsored by ATMOS Energy, TOPAZ Labs, and the PLANO SYMPHONY GUILD

CATEGORIES

Piano ~ Strings ~ Winds & Percussion

DIVISIONS

Senior: Grades 9 - 12

Junior: Grades 1 - 8

ELIGIBILITY

Participants must meet **one** of the following requirements:

- (a) Live in Collin County
- (b) Attend a school in Collin County
- (c) Study on the audition instrument
 - (1) in Collin County, or
 - (2) with a primary private lesson teacher who resides in Collin County
- (d) Study with a regular member of the PSO.

Former Grand Prize Winners are not eligible to enter again in the same Category (Piano, Strings, or Winds/Percussion).

AWARDS

GRAND PRIZE: Performance with the Plano Symphony Orchestra on **March 27, 2010** at the **Eisemann Center**.

Up to three participants may be awarded a Grand Prize.

Winners may be Jr. or Sr. Division entrants from any Category.

PLACE WINNERS: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place & Honorable Mention Winners may be named in both Divisions of each Category.

Judges have the option of not designating winners for all of the awards. The decision of the judges is final.

REPERTOIRE

Each participant must **memorize** and perform one movement of a concerto from the Approved Repertoire List. Concerto movements with full accompaniment may be no longer than 15 minutes. However, all auditions will be limited to 10 minutes. If your concerto movement is longer, please choose any 10 minutes to audition. Grand Prize Winners will get to perform their entire concerto movement at the March concert. Extra musicians are available for this PSO concert, so additional concertos may be requested for eligibility & approval for 2010 only. Deadline for concerto requests is Nov. 1, 2009. (See the PSO website for the form.)

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AUDITIONS

Date: **Saturday, January 16, 2010**

Place: **COLLIN COLLEGE**

Spring Creek Campus

2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway

Plano, TX 75074

Audition times will be sent out in mid-December.

Each contestant must provide his/her own accompanist for the Preliminary Round **and** for the Finals. (Please name your accompanist on the application.) Original audition music must be provided for the judges (*no photocopies*).

FORMAT for Auditions

1. In the Preliminary Round, each student will perform his/her concerto movement in a closed audition before two expert judges. Maximum audition time is 10 minutes. (Please be accurate on the application about **Length of performance** with your accompaniment because the schedule is based on that time frame.)
2. Each Category will have two judges who will rank students during the Preliminary Round. In each Division, they may choose up to two Finalists to compete for the Grand Prize and may designate 3rd Place and Honorable Mention winners. Up to 12 Finalists may be chosen overall.
3. The Finalists will each perform a five-minute sample of their concerto movement in the Final Round to compete for one of the three Grand Prize Winner positions. The Finals will be open to the public and performed before a panel of six judges.

FEES AND APPLICATIONS

The Competition entry fee is **\$40** and is non-refundable after the audition schedule is finalized. Please make checks payable to the **PLANO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION (or PSOA)**. Applications must be received in the PSO office by **5:00 PM** on **Dec. 1, 2009** (or postmarked by **Nov. 27, 2009**). For additional information or applications, please call the PSO office at (972) **473-7262, x32**. Photocopies of the application form are acceptable. The brochure is available to download at www.planosymphony.org under Learn More.