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The Piedmont Symphony Orchestra
Proudly announces its eleventh annual
Young Artist Competition
(2011-2012)

This competition is open to student instrumentalists (piano, strings, winds, or percussion) under the age of 19 as of **February 19, 2012** and a resident of one of the following Virginia counties: Clarke, Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange, Prince William, Rappahannock, Stafford, Spotsylvania, or Warren (or independent cities within those counties). Current PSO student musicians are eligible to enter. Students who have been a first place winner in a previous PSO or PRO Young Artist Competition are NOT eligible to enter.

Required repertoire: one movement of any instrumental piece composed for solo instrument (piano, strings, winds, or percussion) and orchestra.

Entry deadline: October 18, 2011

To enter, send a high quality CD consisting of the required repertoire played by the instrumentalist with piano accompaniment, plus the audition form, photo/video release form and the \$35.00 non-refundable audition fee to Debbie Gilbert, 5118 Laurel Lane, Broad Run, VA 20137. (Pianists are not required to play with piano accompaniment.) Make checks payable to "Piedmont Symphony Orchestra." Label CDs with name of instrumentalist, school and title of piece.

Audition process:

1. Taped auditions will be evaluated and semi-finalists will be chosen. Semi-finalists will be notified by November 1, 2011.
2. Semi-finalists will perform the required repertoire, with accompanist, before a panel of judges November 12, 2011. Each semi-finalist must provide his/her own accompanist (except for pianists). Three finalists will be chosen from this audition.
3. The three finalists will rehearse their repertoire with the PSO, and compete for the Grand Prize, as featured performers with the PSO, in the February 19, 2012 concert at Highland's Center for the Arts, Warrenton, VA. A panel of judges will evaluate the finalists at the concert and award first, second, and third place prizes.

First Place Grand Prize Winner will receive \$1,500.00 scholarship prize.

Second Place Winner will receive \$750.00 scholarship prize.

Third Place Winner will receive \$500.00 scholarship prize.

Scholarship money will be paid by the PSO directly to the college, summer music program, or other program that will further the musical education of the winner. Winners are responsible for notifying PSO of the name of the organization and address where the check should be sent.

For additional information, contact Debbie Gilbert at 540-347-5761 or by email at jdgilbert99@gmail.com

**Piedmont Symphony Orchestra
Young Artist Competition
Application Form**

Name _____ Phone number _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School _____ Grade _____

Age _____ Birthdate _____

Instrument _____ E-mail address _____

Name of private teacher _____
Phone: _____ email: _____

Name of school music teacher (optional): _____
Phone: _____ email: _____

Selected audition piece:

Title _____ Movement _____

Composer _____

List musical accomplishments and honors (use reverse or attach separate sheet if needed):

Signature of current music teacher _____ Date _____

Student signature _____ Date _____

I understand that each student will be evaluated fairly, and I agree to abide by the decisions of the judges.
Students chosen as semi-finalists or finalists must be available to appear on the contest dates listed above.

Parent signature _____ Date _____

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PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE FORM FOR A MINOR

If my child is selected as a finalist in the Young Artist Competition,

I, (parent's name, please print) _____, give Piedmont Symphony Orchestra (PSO) the absolute right and permission to use photographs of my minor child, _____, in its promotional materials and publicity efforts. I understand that the photograph(s) may be used in a publication, print ad, electronic media (e.g. video, CD-ROM, Internet, World Wide Web), or other form of promotion.

I acknowledge PSO's right to crop or treat the photograph in its discretion. I also acknowledge that PSO may choose not to use the photograph at this time, but may do so at its own discretion at a later date.

I waive any right to compensation arising from or related to the use of the photograph.

Name of Child (Please Print Clearly)

Name of Legal Guardian or Parent (Please Print Clearly)

Signature of Legal Guardian or Parent

Date

Phone Number and/or E-mail Address (Please Print Clearly)