



Topeka Symphony Orchestra

The Topeka Symphony

Kyle Wiley Pickett, Music Director & Conductor

65th ANNUAL YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

Sponsored by Capitol Federal®

Sunday, January 14, 2018

White Concert Hall, Garvey Fine Arts Center, Washburn University – Topeka, Kansas

The Topeka Symphony again offers a special opportunity to talented young musicians. The overall winner will perform with the Topeka Symphony Orchestra at its performance on Saturday, May 5, 2018. Winners must perform the selection(s) performed at the audition.

GENERAL REGULATIONS – READ CAREFULLY

1. Contestants must be enrolled in the **9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grades** in one of the following Kansas counties: Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Douglas, Franklin, Geary, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Leavenworth, Lyon, Marshall, Miami, Morris, Nemaha, Osage, Pottawatomie, Riley, Saline, Sedgwick, Shawnee, Wabaunsee and Wyandotte.
2. Auditions will be conducted in four divisions: vocal; piano; wind and percussion instruments; and string instruments. Impartial judges will select the winners in each division. *If, in the opinion of the judges, there is not a qualified entrant in a division, no winner will be declared.*
3. An overall winner may enter the following year in a different division only. A runner-up is eligible to enter his or her same division, but must perform different repertoire.
4. Auditions are anonymous. Each contestant will be assigned a number.
5. Contestants in the instrumental divisions may play one or more movements of any concerto or standard work for solo and orchestra **which has a readily available orchestral accompaniment** and which lasts from a **minimum of 7 to a maximum of 15 minutes** total performance time.
6. Contestants in the vocal division may sing any combination of arias or compositions from the classical or standard vocal repertoire **which have readily available orchestral accompaniments** and which last from a **minimum of 7 to a maximum of 15 minutes** total performance time. Selections should be contrasting in style.
7. Auditions are limited to ten (10) minutes and composition(s) must be performed from memory. Judges have the option to ask an entrant to play any section of the selected composition(s).
8. **Each contestant must furnish: A) his or her own accompanist for the audition; B) four (4) copies of the composition(s) for the judges.**
9. Each contestant **MUST** be recommended by her/his music supervisor or private teacher. Repertoire **MUST** be at performance level at the time of audition and **performed from memory**.
10. Auditions will be held in Topeka, **Sunday, January 14, 2018**, at White Concert Hall, Garvey Fine Arts Center, on the Washburn University campus. Auditions are open to the public.
11. Each contestant must complete the Entry Form and mail it to: Topeka Symphony, Youth Talent Auditions, P.O. Box 2206, Topeka, KS, 66601. Include a **\$35 NON-REFUNDABLE ENTRY FEE** with the registration. Students who cannot meet this financial requirement may apply for a waiver by calling the Symphony office at (785) 232-2032.
12. Cash awards given by Capitol Federal® will be presented to the overall winner and the division winners at the May 5, 2018 TSO concert.
13. **DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES is Friday, December 15, 2017. Entries postmarked after December 15 will not be accepted.** Contestants will be advised of an assigned audition time soon after the deadline. Contestants **MUST** appear for their audition 30 minutes prior to their assigned time and must be backstage and prepared to audition at least 10 minutes prior to their assigned time.

General Information:

Contestant's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

School _____ Grade _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Other Phone _____

Email _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Competition Information:

Instrument _____ (or) Voice _____
(soprano, alto, tenor, baritone)

Duration of selection(s): _____ minutes

Selection(s) to be performed (include composer(s) and movement(s)):

Music Teacher Recommendation:

Supervisor/Teacher Name _____ Supervisor/Teacher Day Phone _____

Supervisor/Teacher Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

It is understood that I will attend every Orchestra rehearsal at the discretion and instruction of the conductor should I be chosen to perform with the Topeka Symphony Orchestra. Notification of rehearsals will be sent by the TSO office. **IT IS ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT THE COMPOSITION WILL BE MEMORIZED FOR THE PERFORMANCE.**

Signature: _____ Signature: _____
Music Supervisor or Teacher Auditioning Student

**ENCLOSE \$35.00 ENTRY FEE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 15, 2017 TO:
TOPEKA SYMPHONY P.O. Box 2206 Topeka, KS 66601**

Questions? tso@topekasymphony.org or 785-232-2032