



Young Artist Competition

February 11, 2024

First Presbyterian Church
228 W. Fourth Street
Ottumwa, Iowa

Presenting Sponsor: Rotary Club of Ottumwa

To: Area Band, Orchestra and Choral Directors, Private instrumental, voice and piano teachers and other interested parties:

From: Dr. Dennis Willhoit, President, Ottumwa Symphony Orchestra

This year the Ottumwa Symphony Orchestra is again sponsoring a Young Artist Competition for high school students.

The competition will be held:

- Sunday afternoon, February 11, 2024
- First Presbyterian Church, 228 W. Fourth Street, Ottumwa, Iowa
- The competition is limited to high school aged students (grades 9-12) who live in Iowa.
- Previous winners who have performed on the concert are not eligible to compete on the same instrument in successive years.

The winners:

- First Place will receive \$300
- If selected must agree to appear at the March 9th concert with the Ottumwa Symphony at the Bridge View Center in Ottumwa
- 2nd place cash prize is \$200
- 3rd place \$100
- Cash prizes will be awarded whether or not a contestant is selected to appear with the Symphony

Auditions:

- Each participant must be accompanied by piano. Each participant will have a 15 minute time slot
- It is the responsibility of the performer to confirm the existence and availability of an orchestral accompaniment for their selection prior to auditioning.
- Participants must provide the judges with a copy of the solo and piano accompaniment.

Entry Deadline: Entries must be received by January 29, 2024.

The rules and entry form are included in this packet. Your questions, comments and suggestions will be welcomed.

Send entries by e-mail to: dennis.willhoit@gmail.com. You will receive a confirmation email that we have received your entry.

P.O. Box 173 • Ottumwa, Iowa 52501

Ottumwa Symphony Young Artists' Competition Rules

Eligibility

- For strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, piano, voice, harp and guitar.
- Must be in high school (grades 9-12) and have not reached 19 years of age on the application deadline date.
- Contestants must be a resident of Iowa.
- Previous winners who have performed with the orchestra are not eligible to compete on the same instrument in successive years.
- Contestants may audition in one medium (piano, voice, instrument)

Audition Requirements

- All contestants are expected to perform either a movement of a concerto or a composition for solo instrument/voice and orchestra.
- Those auditioning are encouraged to perform from memory.
- instrument/voice and orchestra.
- The use of piano accompaniment is required for all contestants. Each applicant is expected to provide their own accompanist. Please abbreviate lengthy tutti passages in the accompaniment
- Compositions must be no longer than 15 minutes.
- One original score of each selection to be performed must be provided to the judges on the day of the competition. No photocopies are allowed.
- All contestants must attach an unedited audio file (mp3) recording of the contestant performing their audition piece. If more than 12 contestants enter, an audio preliminary round will be held using the recordings. Contestants will be notified on February 5 as to whether a preliminary round is being held.

NOTES: 1. Because of the difficulty and cost of obtaining some orchestra parts, acceptability of your selection is at the discretion of the Ottumwa Symphony. 2. Entrants must be available on Friday evening March 8 for rehearsal, and Saturday, March 9 for rehearsal and concert. Other rehearsals may be arranged. Please contact our orchestra manager Patty Babb at pattybabb@pcsia.net with additional questions.

The Competition

- Will be held Sunday, February 11, 2024 at First Presbyterian Church, 228 W Fourth Street, Ottumwa, Iowa beginning at 2:00 PM. Check in will begin at 1:00pm
- Each contestant will receive their performance time by February 5, 2024. A panel of judges will select the winner.
- First Prize is \$300 and a performance on the winter concert of the Ottumwa Symphony Orchestra*
- Second Prize is \$200 and 3rd Place is awarded \$100.

Note: Decisions of the Ottumwa Symphony Young Artist Competition committee are final and as a stipulation of participation, applicants agree to abide by those decisions.

*Performance with the Orchestra will be at the discretion of the Conductor and the panel of judges.

Send application to: Dr. Dennis Willhoit at dennis.willhoit@gmail.com

Deadline: January 29, 2023

**YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION
2024**

Name _____ Instrument/Voice _____

Address _____ City & Zip _____

High School you attend _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent's Names _____ Telephone _____

Your email address _____

Instructor's Name & email _____

Accompanist's Name and email _____

Selection _____ Composer _____

Published by _____

Parental Permission:

As legal parent or guardian of the above applicant, I give the Ottumwa Symphony Orchestra permission for the applicant to participate in the Ottumwa Symphony Young Artist Competition and grant the Ottumwa Symphony permission to publish the applicant's name and image in news releases as well as the Symphony's Facebook page and website. By entering this competition, I accept the rules and decisions of the Ottumwa Symphony Young Artist committee as final.

Signature Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

APPLICATION DEADLINE • January 29, 2024