

Symphony Youth Competition

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Saturday, May 16, 2020

Location: Dart Auditorium, Lansing Community College

COMPETITION RULES

1. The competition is open to any instrumentalist currently enrolled in a high school program.
2. Instrumentalist must be a resident of Michigan.
3. First-place winners from previous years are not eligible to compete the year immediately following their win.
4. The registration fee (non-refundable) is \$20 per applicant. Application forms must be postmarked no later than **Friday, May 1, 2020**.
5. The selection to be performed **MUST BE A WORK AVAILABLE FOR SOLO INSTRUMENT AND ORCHESTRA**. It is recommended that the selection be memorized. Contestants will be judged on the appropriateness of the selection, tone, technique, interpretation, and musicianship.
6. Each contestant may perform one selection of **not more than 5 minutes actual playing time**. You will be judged only on 5 minutes of music, so participants are encouraged to make cuts to showcase specific sections of their piece. *If your piece is longer than 5 minutes, that does not count against your performance.*
7. Each contestant must provide his/her own accompanist.
8. Music selections must be submitted (**in PDF format; picture files will not be accepted**) to Ashleigh Lore via email (Ashleigh@LansingSymphony.org) by Friday, May 8, 2020 with any cuts clearly indicated. **Make sure that your name is NOT on your music.**
9. Contestants will be given an opportunity to warm up on their instrument before their performance. **All** contestants must warm up without accompaniment. Pianos will be made available to piano contestants only, *not accompanists*.
10. It is recommended that each contestant consult with his/her teacher regarding appropriate dress, proper stage etiquette and the rules of the competition. *This will be a "blind" competition.*
11. Parents and guests are invited to be seated in the recital hall only while their musician is performing, at their discretion. Winners will be announced upon completion of the competition, via email.