



National Philharmonic Annual Concerto Competition October 2, 2016

In ongoing support of and commitment to music education, National Philharmonic is pleased to announce the 12th annual National Philharmonic Concerto Competition, which will be held at The Music Center at Strathmore on October 2, 2016 in the evening. The competition identifies up to three highly talented musicians who are ready to appear as concerto soloists and presents them with the National Philharmonic and Maestro Piotr Gajewski in a performance for young students. Winners will be expected to participate in rehearsals and performances at The Music Center at Strathmore in the November 15-18, 2016 timeframe.

The National Philharmonic Concerto Competition is open to any high school instrumentalist playing a traditional orchestral instrument other than piano. Highly qualified and fully prepared candidates may apply by completing the National Philharmonic Concerto Competition Application, to be postmarked no later than **September 9, 2016**. A resume and a letter of recommendation from the applicant's private music teacher as well as a \$40 application fee must accompany the application. (Electronic documents are acceptable.) Candidates will be pre-screened before the actual competition based on application credentials. Applicants who are not invited to compete based on the pre-screening of credentials will receive a full refund of the application fee.

Applicants accepted to compete will be required to perform one movement, total time **less than 10 minutes in length**, of a solo selection that has an available orchestral accompaniment. (Failure to satisfy this length requirement is grounds for disqualifying the application.) The solo must be memorized, and soloists must provide an accompanist for the competition.

Recipients of this communication are encouraged to share information regarding the 2016 National Philharmonic Concerto Competition with talented high school musicians and music educators, as appropriate. Additional applications may be downloaded from the National Philharmonic website at www.nationalphilharmonic.org.

Please direct questions to Victoria Gau, Associate Conductor and Director of Education, at victoria@nationalphilharmonic.org.

National Philharmonic 2016 Concerto Competition Application

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School _____ Grade _____ Instrument _____

Private Teacher _____ Private Teacher Phone _____

Private Teacher Email _____

**Please provide the following information regarding the work to be performed.
(Example: Mozart, Concerto No. 3, 1st, Allegro)**

Composer _____

Title _____

Movement Number _____ Movement Name _____

Duration of Work _____ (duration must not exceed 10 minutes)

Accompanist's Name _____

Accompanist's Email _____

A \$40 fee payable to National Philharmonic must accompany this application. A resume and a teacher letter of recommendation must accompany this application.

Materials may be emailed to victoria@nationalphilharmonic.org.

Judges' decisions are final. Competition judges have complete discretion in determining winners or not selecting any winners, should no participant meet the minimum performance standard required by National Philharmonic.

**Application is due with \$40 processing fee in its entirety, by the National Philharmonic office, postmarked no later than September 9, 2016.
Electronic documents are acceptable.**

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