

BANGOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

36th Annual
Maine High School Concerto Competition

Rules and Requirements

For 36 years the Bangor Symphony Orchestra has been encouraging and recognizing the outstanding talents of Maine's high school instrumentalists. We invite you to become a part of this long history by participating in the 36th Annual Maine High School Concerto Competition.

The first-prize winner for the Annas-Cupp Award will be featured in a concerto performance with the Bangor Symphony Orchestra at the annual Young People's Concerts. Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your talents and become part of Bangor Symphony Orchestra history!

Eligibility: This competition is open to any string, woodwind, brass, percussion, harp, and piano students in grades 9 through 12, at the time of the application due date. Entrants must not have graduated and must be enrolled in high school or high school program (e.g. home school). Entrants must not have taken the GED. Dual enrollment students are eligible. Entrants must be Maine residents, but may attend high school outside the state of Maine. If questions arise, proof of age, enrollment, and residency may be necessary. Winners of the Annas-Cupp Award in any preceding year are ineligible to compete.

All applicants must submit the following:

1) CD or MP3 file of the student performing one movement of a concerto in the standard orchestral repertoire. The selected movement can be up to 12 minutes in length, uncut. Any exceptions to the length rule and approval for any cuts or transcriptions must be requested in writing and approved by the Competition committee prior to CD or MP3 file submission. All recordings must include the accompaniment (including pianists) which may be a piano reduction of the score. No pre-recorded accompaniments, e.g. Music Minus One, please. Listen to your recording before you send it in, quality is important. Specific questions as to the eligibility of a work should be directed to the Competition Committee before application is submitted. Place the microphone closer to the soloist. Pianists, make sure you have adequate microphone separation between soloist and accompanist.

Please note a rule change: *To more closely mirror the experience of performing with an orchestra and to ensure an even playing field, we request that private teachers do not accompany their students for the recording submission or live recital.*

- 2) Copy of the music with each measure numbered
- 3) Completed application form
- 4) \$15 entry fee (checks payable to the Bangor Symphony Orchestra)

All applications must be postmarked prior to midnight, January 13, 2017

Competition Procedures: Recordings will be evaluated by a committee of Bangor Symphony Orchestra musicians. By February 3, 2017, finalists will be chosen to participate in a public audition recital at Minsky Hall on the University of Maine, Orono campus.

Contestants must provide their own accompanist. On the day of the finals, students and their accompanists may rehearse in the performing hall during the morning. The final audition, in the form of a public recital, will take place that afternoon.

Awards:

<i>First Place Annas-Cupp Award</i>	\$500 and will be featured in a concerto performance with the Bangor Symphony Orchestra during their annual Young People's Concerts
<i>Second Place Friends Award</i>	\$250
<i>Third Place Friends Award</i>	\$150

The number of finalist awards may be limited at the discretion of the Competition Committee. Any exceptions to the above rules will only be considered if a special request in writing is made to the Competition Committee prior to the application. Address inquiries to:

By Mail:
BSO Competition Committee
PO Box 1441
Bangor, ME 04402-1441

By Email:
Subject: BSO Competition Committee
brian@bangorsymphony.org

Questions? Please call us at (207) 942-5555 ext. 1

DATES TO REMEMBER

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017

All applications must be postmarked prior to midnight

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016

Applicants notified of selection for public audition recital

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017

Public audition recital (Storm date TBD)

SUNDAY, MAY 21 & MONDAY, 22, 2017

Winner rehearses and performs with BSO

Please feel free to copy the Application and Competition Rules as needed.

You may also print the Application from our website at
www.bangorsymphony.org

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Application Form

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Name: _____

Instrument: _____ Grade in School: _____

Please read the accompanying rules before completing this form. Retain the rules for your own reference during the remainder of the competition.

If chosen as a winner of the BSO Maine High School concerto Competition, I pledge to rehearse with the Bangor Symphony Orchestra on the evening of May 21, 2017 and perform the following morning, Monday, May 22, 2017 at the BSO's annual Young People's Concerts: _____

(Applicant's Signature)

Please send the following with the completed form:

- 1) CD with the entrant's name, composition, movement performed and composer
- 2) Copy of the music with each measure numbered
- 3) \$15 entry fee (checks payable to the Bangor Symphony Orchestra)
- 4) Completed application form

Information Pertaining to the Composition Selected:

Composer's Full Name and Dates: _____

Title of Composition: _____

Edition: _____

Approximate Length of Movement, uncut (up to 12 minutes): _____

Movement Number: _____

Applicant Information:

Home Address: _____
(Street or PO Box)

(City) (Zip) (Telephone) (E-mail Address)

Hometown Newspapers: _____

Music Honors and Awards: _____

Music Camps and Workshops Attended: _____

Repertoire studied/performed in the past year: _____

School Information:

High School/High School Program: _____ Town: _____

Music Director (if applicable): _____ Years of Private Study: _____

Private Music Teacher: _____

Address: _____
(Street or PO Box)

(City) (Zip) (Telephone)

Accompanist Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street or PO Box)

(City) (Zip) (Telephone)

Certification:

I certify that the information on this application form is complete and accurate:

Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent or Guardian)