

APPLICATION DEADLINE - FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017

THE 43RD ANNUAL



Juan R. Ramirez
Artistic Director & Conductor

RUTH KERN YOUNG ARTISTS CONCERTO COMPETITION

OPEN TO: ALL SYMPHONIC INSTRUMENTS, PIANO, GUITAR, AND VOICE

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

THE COMPETITION

The Atlanta Community Symphony Orchestra Ruth Kern Young Artists Concerto Competition, under the auspices of the Atlanta Music Club, a non-profit organization, is open to all young musicians from the Southeast. Students may compete on any symphonic instruments, piano, guitar, and voice.

The competition has three divisions, Junior, Senior, and Undergraduate/Graduate. The Junior Division is open to applicants 14 years of age and below. The Senior Division is open to applicants 15-18 years of age. The Undergraduate/Graduate Division is open to currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate college students. (See eligibility for Junior, Senior, and Undergraduate/Graduate Divisions.)

The winners of Atlanta Community Symphony Orchestra Ruth Kern Young Artists Concerto Competition will have the opportunity to perform with the Atlanta Community Symphony Orchestra at its "Winners Concert" of the 2016-2017 concert season, scheduled for Sunday, May 14, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Buckhead.

All instrumentalists from the Junior, Senior or College Undergraduate/Graduate Division must select a concert piece or single movement from the standard concerto repertoire. Double and triple concertos are acceptable; Vocalists are required to select two (2) contrasting arias.

ELIGIBILITY

JUNIOR DIVISION:

- 14 years of age and below
- To be eligible, participants must not have reached their 15th birthday by May 14, 2017.

SENIOR DIVISION:

- 15 to 18 years of age
- To be eligible, participants must not have reached their 19th birthday by May 14, 2017.

UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE DIVISION:

- Current Undergraduate or Graduate Student
- Must present valid college ID

OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Previous winners of the ACSO—YACC are not eligible to compete within consecutive years.
- The competition is open to U.S. citizens, legal U. S. residents and students with an INS visa who are residents of Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, or South Carolina.
- Applicants must include a signature of endorsement from their private teacher.

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APPLICATION PROCESS

- A completed printed application form, along with the required enclosures, application fee and preliminary audition CD, must be sent to:

**The Atlanta Community Symphony Orchestra
Ruth Kern Young Artists Concerto Competition**

**attn: Lisa Ellinger, General Manager
3306 Regalwoods Drive
Atlanta, GA 30340**

- A copy of the applicant's birth certificate, driver's license, driving permit, state identification (or other official document demonstrating the age of the applicant) or a copy of a valid college ID must accompany the application form.
- A copy of the INS status must accompany the application IF the applicant holds a student visa.
- A non-refundable application fee of \$50, **PAYABLE TO: ATLANTA COMMUNITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (ACSO)**, must be enclosed with the application.
- **NOTE:** An incomplete or illegible application will not be considered.
- Please double check your recordings! We have received CDs in the past that could not be heard.
- **Applications must be postmarked no later than FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017.**

REPERTOIRE

- All instrumentalists from the Junior, Senior or College Undergraduate/Graduate Division must select a concert piece or single movement from the standard concerto repertoire and/or character piece with an orchestral accompaniment. Double and triple concertos are acceptable.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

- All applicants must submit with the application a preliminary audition CD of their selection(s).
- **CD CASES ONLY** must be clearly marked with the applicant's name, age, address, phone number, instrument, works recorded, and date recorded. **DO NOT LABEL THE ACTUAL CD ITSELF.**
- **The CD itself must NOT be labeled with any information identifying the applicant.**
- Professional-quality recording is suggested but not required.
- CDs will not be returned.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to send CDs via traceable mail and to make copies in case of loss in transit.

FINALS

- Applicants will be notified by e-mail of their acceptance to the finals no later than **Tuesday, January 31, 2017.**
- Finals will be on **Saturday, February 4, 2017** starting at 10:00 a.m.
- All finalists are required to play from memory the same selection(s) submitted for Preliminaries on their recording.
- Finals will be judged by a panel of professional musicians, appointed by the Music Director.
- Finalists will be assigned a 15 minute plus time according to their instrument and/or selected repertoire, and will be required to arrive at least 15 minutes before their audition time. Finalists should be prepared to perform different portions of their selection(s) as requested by the judges.
- Each finalist must provide their own accompanist. (Pianists do **NOT** need an accompanist.)
- The judges' decision is final. Scores and comments will not be made available.
- If no applicant qualifies (in one or any division), judges will not be required to nominate a winner.
- Winners will be notified by e-mail, no later than **Tuesday, February 28, 2017.**
- **MANDATORY** Rehearsal and Dress Rehearsal are scheduled for **Tuesday, May 9, 2017** at 7:30 p.m. and **Saturday, May 13, 2017** at 10:00 a.m.

If you have any questions or for more information, please contact us at:
The Atlanta Community Symphony Orchestra, attn.: Lisa Ellinger, General Manager,
3306 Regalwoods Drive, Atlanta, GA 30340 - Phone: 404.246.1393 or email: mgt@acsorch.org

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Division (please circle): Junior Senior Undergraduate/Graduate

Name: _____

Age: _____ Phone # (_____) _____ Applicant Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Instrument: _____ Teacher: _____

Teacher signature of endorsement: _____ Years with current teacher: _____

#of years of private study: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Piece(s) & Movement(s) performed: _____

**THIS APPLICATION AND AUDITION CD MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017.**

**I CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE APPLICATION INFORMATION SUBMITTED HERE IS TRUE AND CORRECT,
AND THAT THE AUDITION CD IS A RECENT AND TRUE RECORDING MADE ONLY BY ME.**

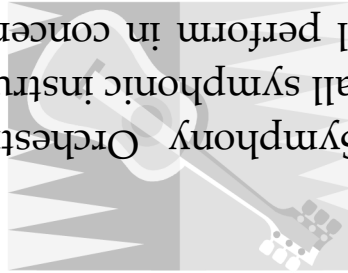
SIGN: _____

DATE: _____

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