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Music Director

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Dear Music Teacher:

We are pleased to inform you of the Duluth Superior Symphony's annual YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION & HESTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS on Friday, February 3 at Weber Music Hall, University of Minnesota - Duluth. **Please consider with your students whether they should apply to this contest, noting that memorization is required at the audition.**

### *YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION*

1. This competition is open to students born on or after December 31, 1992, playing orchestral instruments, and residing in northern Minnesota, northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.
2. The selection must be one (1) movement from concerto or equivalent. The movement in its entirety must not be longer than 12 minutes in length, or it will not qualify for this contest.
3. Memorization is required.
4. The competition selection must have orchestral accompaniment, in parts, and must be available for rental or purchase.
5. Three scores or three piano accompaniments must be provided for the three judges.
6. YAC entrants may call Nathan Carlsgaard at 623-3771, by December 27, for help in finding an accompanist. **IN ORDER TO QUALIFY**, entrants of the Young Artist Competition must have an accompanist by January 3 and list the confirmed accompanist on the entry form.
7. All candidates must submit an application postmarked by January 3, 2012.
8. Five winners will receive an award (\$500, \$250, \$100, \$75, and \$50). The first place winner will be invited to perform with the Duluth Superior Symphony at its Young People's Concert, on March 28, subject to the judges' decision. Second, third, fourth, and fifth place winners will each receive complimentary tickets to a DSSO concert.

### *HESTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS*

1. The Hester scholarship of \$275 is available only to members of the higher two divisions of the Youth Orchestras (Concert Orchestra and Youth Symphony).
2. The competition selection must be one (1) movement from a concerto or equivalent.
3. Memorization is required.
4. Three scores or three piano accompaniments must be provided for the three judges.
5. Hester Scholarship entrants may call Nathan Carlsgaard at 623-3771, by December 27, to request an accompanist at no cost to entrant. **IN ORDER TO QUALIFY**, Hester entrants must have an accompanist by January 3 and list the confirmed accompanist on the entry form.
6. All candidates must submit an application postmarked by January 3, 2012.

Sincerely,

Nathan Carlsgaard  
Director of Operations and Personnel

**DULUTH SUPERIOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
**YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION**  
**FOR PIANO & ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENTS\***

<b>COMPETITION:</b>	February 3, 2012 4:00pm <b>Weber Music Hall, UMD</b> <b>1201 Ordean Court, H 231</b> <b>Duluth, MN 55812</b>
<b>YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION &amp; REQUIREMENTS:</b>	Prizes: \$500, \$250, \$100, \$75 and \$50. First Place winner will receive \$500 and opportunity to perform with the DSSO (subject to adjudicators' decision) at the DSSO Young People's Concerts on March 28, 2012 at 9:20am ( <u>with rehearsal on March 27 at 7:30pm</u> ). Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Place winners will receive a cash award of \$250, \$100, \$75, and \$50 respectively, and two complimentary tickets to DSSO concert(s) of their choice.  (1) Must be a student born on or after December 31, 1992 (2) Play *orchestral instruments, including piano (3) Reside or pursue musical studies in counties of Aitkin, Becker, Beltrami, Benton, Carlton, Cass, Chisago, Clay, Cook, Crow Wing, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Isanti, Itasca, Kanabec, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Pine, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Roseau, Sherburne, St. Louis, Stearns, Stevens, Todd, Traverse, Wadena, Wilkin (Minnesota); Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer, Washburn (Wisconsin); all counties of Upper Michigan. (4) For the Young Artist Competition, the single movement in its entirety must not be longer than 12 minutes in length, <u>or it will not qualify for this contest</u> . Orchestral accompaniment must be available for rental or purchase. (5) Provide your own accompanist. (6) Submit application, with accompanist information, postmarked by January 3.
<b>WILLIAM HESTER SCHOLARSHIP &amp; REQUIREMENTS:</b>	This \$275 award was established in honor of William Hester, a greatly admired violinist, pianist, teacher, and former member of the Duluth Superior Symphony.  (1) Must be a member of one of the higher two divisions of the DSSO's Youth Ensembles (Concert Orchestra or Youth Symphony). (2) The funds are to be used for private study. (3) Auditionees may provide their own accompanist or the Symphony will provide one at no cost to you, <u>if you request one by December 27</u> . (4) Submit application, with accompanist information, postmarked by January 3.
<b>BOTH EVENTS:</b>	The competition work must be one movement (only one) of a concerto or equivalent.  You must provide three copies of the score or piano accompaniment for the audition (one for each of the three adjudicators). <u>We will not photocopy music when you arrive for the audition.</u>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memorization is required for both the YAC and Hester Scholarship auditions.</li> <li>• Please have a short bio and e-photo ready in case you are selected.</li> </ul>
<b>APPLICATIONS:</b>	Send application postmarked by <b>January 3, 2011</b>  to: DSSO Youth Awards / 331 W. Superior St, Suite 100 / Duluth, MN 55802
<b>INFORMATION:</b>	For further information and applications, please contact Nathan Carlsgaard at the Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra. (218) 623-3771 or <a href="mailto:ncarlsgaard@dssso.com">ncarlsgaard@dssso.com</a>

\*Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass, Flute, Piccolo, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, Harp, Percussion, Timpani, Piano, Saxophone.

**THE DULUTH SUPERIOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION & HESTER SCHOLARSHIP**

application due January 3, 2012

February 3, 2012  
Weber Music Hall, UMD  
1201 Ordean Court, H 231  
Duluth, MN 55812

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Age \_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip  
School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_  
Repertoire \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_ Mvt \_\_\_\_ Key \_\_\_\_

**\*\*MOVEMENT MUST BE MEMORIZED\*\*  
\*\*YAC PIECES NOT LONGER THAN 12 MINUTES\*\***

Music Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip  
Confirmed Accompanist's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Accompanying other students? Y N  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

**\*\*FORM MUST INCLUDE ALL ACCOMPANIST INFORMATION REQUESTED ABOVE\*\***

Name / address of local newspaper. \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please have a short bio and e-photo ready in case you are selected.*

**Award for which you are competing:**  
(check one box)

**Young Artist Competition**

- Auditionee studies/resides in the specified regions of MN, WI, & MI and meets age requirement
- Provide your own accompanist or request assistance by December 27.
- Piece not to exceed 12 minutes!

**Hester Scholarship**

- Auditionee is a member of Concert Orchestra or Youth Symphony.
- Provide your own accompanist or request one by December 27.

**Both Awards**

- Auditionee is a member of Concert Orchestra or Youth Symphony.
- Provide your own accompanist or request one by December 27.
- Piece not to exceed 12 minutes!

Entrants will be notified by mail regarding the time they are scheduled to play.  
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