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Music Director

Dear Music Colleague:

September 16, 2011

We are pleased to present to you the tenth annual James and Paula Nelson Young Composers Competition. Students are invited to submit a symphonic work for a possible performance by the Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra. The purpose of this letter is to give you basic information regarding the application process and composition requirements. Please refer to the enclosed information sheet for further details.

- 1) Applicants must be born after January 1, 1986.
- 2) They must submit by January 25, 2012, with their application, a four to seven minute orchestral work of traditional instrumentation for symphony orchestra. (Instrumentation must be within parameters listed on enclosed information sheet.) Winner will be selected by a qualified composer of our choosing and will be notified by February 8, 2012.
- 3) Theme: The 2012 Young People's Concert will explore the idea of timbre. Thus, for the Nelson Young Composers Competition we ask young composers to submit a four to seven minute piece with the qualification that the piece should explore different timbres.
- 4) Keep in mind that the piece may perhaps receive only 10 or 15 minutes of rehearsal time at one rehearsal.
- 5) The winner will be awarded \$1000, reimbursement for necessary copying expenses, and performances of the work by the Duluth Superior Symphony at the Young People's Concerts on March 28, 2012.

We invite you to encourage any of your students who may be interested in participating in this exciting opportunity. We would also appreciate it if you would make copies of the enclosed information sheet, and distribute and post it wherever it might be seen by interested students.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Petersen
Executive Director

DON'T MISS THIS EXCITING OPPORTUNITY!

**DULUTH SUPERIOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
JAMES AND PAULA NELSON
YOUNG COMPOSERS COMPETITION**

OPEN TO:	Students born after January 1, 1986. Must reside or pursue musical studies in Minnesota, Wisconsin, or Upper Michigan.
COMPOSITION REQUIREMENTS:	Must be a four to seven minute orchestral work for a symphony orchestra of traditional instrumentation. <u>The instrumentation must be no larger than the following list (it may be smaller):</u> 2 flutes, 2 oboes, 2 clarinets, 2 bassoons, 4 horns, 2 trumpets, 3 trombones, tuba, timpani, 2 percussion, strings.
THEME:	Theme: The 2012 Young People's Concert will explore the idea of timbre. Thus, for the Nelson Young Composers Competition we ask young composers to submit a four to seven minute piece with the qualification that the piece should explore different timbres. Keep in mind that the piece may not get more than 10 or 15 minutes of rehearsal time.
PRIZE:	Winner will receive \$1000, reimbursement for necessary copying expenses, and a performance of the winning composition by the Duluth Superior Symphony at the Young Peoples Concerts on March 28, 2012. The winner will also be requested to attend the rehearsal (TBD), at the DECC auditorium in Duluth.
APPLICATIONS:	Submittal deadline is January 25, 2012 . <u>Your score should be duplex photocopied and edge-bound</u> . Send your application form and a clean legible copy (not original) of the full orchestral score to: Young Composers Competition Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra 331 W. Superior St. Suite 100 Duluth, MN 55802
SELECTION PROCESS:	Evaluation and selection by qualified composer of our choosing. The winner will be notified by February 8, 2012. Please have a short bio and e-photo ready in case you are selected.

For further information and applications, please contact:
Nathan Carlsgaard (218) 623-3771

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Please fill out this form completely (print or type)

Name _____ Age _____ Birth date _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Name of Composition _____ Piece Length _____

List of Instrumentation _____
(may not exceed instrumentation limits of contest)

School _____

Teacher's Name (optional) _____ Phone _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Name and address of your local newspaper

Applications and compositions must be **postmarked** no later than January 25, 2012.
Please do not send originals of your score. Send clean and legible copies.

Send all materials to:

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