

YOUNG INSTRUMENTALIST COMPETITION 2011

Information

The Queensland Symphony Orchestra, in conjunction with Education Queensland presents the annual *Young Instrumentalist Competition*. This competition is open to all Secondary School students studying an orchestral instrument (including saxophone, but **not** including keyboard). To participate, applicants of at least 7th Grade A.M.E.B or equivalent standard are required to perform one movement from a standard concerto. This performance must be 10 minutes maximum.

Prizes

- The winner will perform as soloist with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra in the QPAC Concert Hall, Brisbane in the *Secondary Showcase Concert* on Wednesday 7 March 2012. The successful student will need to be available for rehearsals from the 5-7 March.
- Auditions will take place on Monday 6 February 2012. Location TBA
- The NFA Anthony Camden Foundation Award will give a talented violinist the use of an exquisite Italian violin for 12 months.
- The National Instrument Bank will give a talented violinist the use of an exquisite violin for 12 months.
- Selected students considered of a very high standard by the adjudicators, will perform in the Young Instrumentalist Recital (considered round two of the competition) held at the Queensland Symphony Orchestra Studios on Monday 20 February.
- The winner will participate in a mentoring program with one of the Queensland Symphony Orchestra's full time professional musicians.

How to apply

To be eligible to apply students must:

- be in secondary school (yr 8 - yr 12)
- be of Grade 7 AMEB or equivalent standard
- play an orchestral instrument (including saxophone but not including the keyboard)

All entries are to be submitted on the entry form and be accompanied by:

- a digital photograph –to be sent to sam.cockerill@qso.com.au with Young Instrumentalist Competition in the subject line
- brief statement outlining applicant's previous music experience (150 words maximum)
- \$40 entry fee (cheques made payable to the Queensland Symphony Orchestra).

Entries close Friday 2 December 2011

Auditions

Auditions for the competition will be held at the Queensland Symphony Orchestra Studios, Monday 6 February 2012.

Applicants will:

- be notified of audition times early in 2012
- be required to present at the venue 30 minutes prior to audition
- need to organise their own accompanist
- bring two copies of their music for perusal by the adjudication panel.
- be notified within 5 days of audition of competition results and whether applicants have advanced to Round 2 – recital.

Students from outside the metropolitan area who are unable to travel to Brisbane will be required to submit a video / DVD recording of their performance in place of a personal audition.

Note: This recording must be accompanied by a signed statement from the applicant's music teacher to verify the authenticity of the performance and must be made within four weeks prior to the audition date.

Auditions on Monday 6 February 2012

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact the Education Officer on (07) 3833 5035 or email sam.cockerill@qso.com.au