2024 THORESON STEFFES YOUNG ARTISTS SOLO COMPETITION

*presented by the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony & Classical Minnesota Public Radio 91.1 FM*

**Concordia College, Moorhead, MN**

**Saturday, January 6, 2024**

**HIGH SCHOOL and COLLEGE DIVISION GUIDELINES and INFORMATION**

**Eligibility** **High School Division:** Instrumentalists, including pianists, in grades 9-12, living anywhere within

the State of North Dakota, or in Minnesota or South Dakota within 150 miles of Fargo-Moorhead. Former first place winners are not eligible.

**College Division:** Instrumentalists, including pianists, ages 18-24, living anywhere within

the State of North Dakota, or in Minnesota or South Dakota within 150 miles of Fargo-Moorhead, or going

to school in those same areas. Former first place winners are not eligible.

**Awards Three cash awards: $1,000, $750, and $500.**

The top performer in the **High School Division** and the **College Division** will each have the opportunity to perform with the FMSO **(**at the discretion of the Associate Conductor) at the Young People’s Concerts and/or Family Matinee Concert in April 2024. Pieces may be shortened/edited for these performances.

**Application** Applications are due in the FM Symphony office, 808 3rd Ave S, Suite 300, Fargo ND, **by 5:00 p.m. CST, Friday, December 1, 2023. There will be no exceptions, late applications will not be accepted.** An application fee of $25.00 (non-refundable) is required and must be enclosed with the application form. Make checks payable to: FMSO.

**Repertoire** Contestants must choose one piece **from repertoire list posted online at** [**www.fmsymphony.org/young-artists-solo-competition**](http://www.fmsymphony.org/young-artists-solo-competition). Substitutions (compositions with orchestral accompaniment only) **must** **be approved** by the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony. To request approval of substitute repertoire, e-mail Jane Linde Capistran at capistra@cord.edu **by November 17, 2023.** All selections are to be performed with piano accompaniment.

**Accompanist** Contestants will provide their own accompanist, who may be the student's own music teacher. Please

advise if accompanist is playing for any other contestants to ensure better scheduling.

**Attire** Performance attire.

**Registration** Contestants will be given a specific time for their performance in the morning preliminaries and

are encouraged to arrive 30-45 minutes early for registration and warm-up. Names of finalists

will be posted as soon as possible after the noon hour, depending on the number of contestants.

**Auditions** Information on audition times will be provided with confirmation of receipt of application. Finals will begin

at 1:00 pm, with the High School Division beginning, followed by the College Division. The 1:00 pm start time is subject to change, depending on the total number of applicants.

**Information** For questions or more information, email the FM Symphony at mindy@fmsymphony.org, call us at

701-478-3676, or write the FM Symphony Office at 808 3rd Ave S, Suite 300, Fargo ND 58103.

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