

# FACT SHEET

## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Artist Award

### *Instrumental and Vocal Competition*

Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
301-258-6394

### Application Information

Applications due by **Wednesday, December 4, 2019**

The City of Gaithersburg announces the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Artist Award, a juried competition that provides young musicians with an enriching artistic experience, culminating in a concert for the top prize winners. General guidelines include:

- Open to vocal and instrumental (woodwind, brass, string, piano) soloists between the ages of 12 and 18 years. Applicants must be at least 12 years old but no more than 18 years old by December 31, 2019.
- Participants may apply as vocal soloist, wind soloist, brass soloist, string soloist or piano soloist. Performers must provide their own piano accompanists, if accompaniment is needed.
- Previous First Place winners may not apply in the category in which they won.
- Participants will perform before a live jury in a closed audition on **Saturday, January 4, 2020** (Strings – Plucked, Strings – Bowed, Voice) and **Sunday, January 5, 2020** (Woodwinds, Brass, Piano).
- First, second, third and honorable mention prizes may be awarded in each category (vocal, wind, brass, string, and piano).
- All participants will receive written feedback from the jurors. Written feedback will be mailed to participants within ten business days.
- Winners will be notified by phone within one day of the competition and a letter will be sent within ten business days.
- Top prize winners will be presented in the Young Artist Award Concert on **Saturday, February 1, 2020**. Participants **MUST** be available in order to be eligible for a prize. Performance repertoire for the concert may not exceed six (6) minutes in length (performers may make cuts if necessary).
- Participants must bring four (4) copies of their audition repertoire to the competition. Put first and last names in the top right corner of all pages and number all measures. Copies will not be returned. Failure to bring copies will result in a lowering of the competition score.
- For more information visit [www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov)
  - Apply online at [www.signmeup.com/131828](http://www.signmeup.com/131828)
- Although participants are encouraged to apply online, a hard copy of the application may be obtained by calling the Arts Barn at 301-258-6394, emailing the program coordinator at [Marc.Wright@gaitersburgmd.gov](mailto:Marc.Wright@gaitersburgmd.gov) or by visiting the Arts Barn.
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## COMPETITION

Saturday, January 4, 2020 (Strings – Plucked, Strings – Bowed, Voice)

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Sunday, January 5, 2020 (Woodwinds, Brass, Piano)

**Locations: TBD**

### **Audition Information:**

- Please arrive at least 30 minutes before your audition time to register, tune and warm-up.
- Upon entering the building, please sign in at the registration table.
- Teacher/Parent may be present to help student with tuning of their instruments.
- When a participant is called to the stage, guests and other participants will be asked to remain in warm-up area (all auditions are closed).
- All of the Young Artist Award participants are evaluated according to the City of Gaithersburg's guidelines. The evaluation process is based on previous arts competitions and juried arts programs overseen by the City of Gaithersburg and the Cultural Arts Advisory Committee.
- The decision of the jury is final.

### **Performance Requirements:**

STRING SOLO • WOODWIND SOLO • BRASS SOLO • PIANO

- Selections from at least two contrasting music periods
- Stylistically varied compositions
- Music should be intermediate to advanced
- Memorization is recommended
- Each participant's time slot is 15 minutes:
  - Maximum performance time – 10 minutes
  - Assessment/discussion – 5 minutes

VOCAL

- Selections from at least two contrasting music periods
- The repertoire must contain selections in English and at least one other language
- Music should be intermediate to advanced
- Memorization is required
- Each participant's time slot is 15 minutes:
  - Maximum performance time – 10 minutes
  - Assessment/discussion – 5 minutes

## Dress Rehearsal

Friday January 31, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

**\*\*All winners are required to attend dress rehearsal.**

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Note: The Dress Rehearsal is a run through of the concert program and awards ceremony. Performers are not required to be in concert dress, but please wear attire suitable for photography. If it would be more helpful to rehearse in concert dress, please feel free to do so.

## Concert

Saturday February 1, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

**\*\*All winners must be available to perform in the Young Artist Award Concert.**

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- Performers arrive at 6:30 p.m. for 7:30 p.m. concert. Proceed directly to warm-up room.
- Bring instrument and music (if needed)
- Musical selection up to six minutes in length
- Awards Ceremony (30 minutes) will follow the 7:30 p.m. concert
- Please wear concert dress

## Tickets

**Concert tickets available January 13, 2020**

**Tickets - \$12**

**Parents of winners may purchase tickets at a discounted rate of \$11**

#### Ticket Information:

The Arts Barn ticket office is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday 1:30 p.m. – 5:30p.m., and during performances. Tickets may be purchased with cash, check, Visa, MasterCard or Discover Card. Credit card payment is accepted over the telephone, at the box office or online at [www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov).