

School of Music

2014-2015 Concerto and Aria Competition

REGULATIONS Please read carefully!

The Montana State University, Bozeman School of Music announces its 30th Concerto & Aria Competition. The purpose of this event is to nurture, encourage and support the music students at Montana State University and to promote the large ensembles at Montana State University, Bozeman through the performance of quality concerto and aria literature.

DIVISIONS:

- I. Instrumental (woodwind, brass, strings, percussion, piano, guitar)
- II. Voice

THE COMPETITION:

Preliminary Round: Sunday, **November 23rd** from 5:00-10:00 p.m.

- All accepted applicants will perform.

Final Round: Monday, **November 24th** from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

- Up to 4 instrumentalists and 2 vocalists may be selected to perform.
- Audition times will be selected randomly for both rounds.
- Formal dress is required for both rounds and the performance.
- Listeners will be allowed inside the recital hall for the second round only.
- At the discretion of the judges, it is possible that no contestant be named a winner in one or both divisions, should none be deemed of sufficient quality.

The **winner(s)** of the competition will perform in concert with the MSU Symphony Orchestra.

Performance Date: Friday, February 20, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in Reynolds Recital Hall

ELIGIBILITY: Please Read Carefully

The Concerto & Aria Competition requires all vocal, woodwind, brass, percussion and string contestants to be registered/enrolled in one of the MSU “auditioned large ensembles” AND Applied Music Studio (private lessons) during the Fall 2013 AND Spring 2014 semesters. The term “auditioned large ensembles” constitutes the following ensembles: MSU Symphony Orchestra, MSU Wind Symphony, and MSU Chorale. All pianists and guitarists auditioning must be music majors registered for applied music during the Fall 2013 AND Spring 2014 semesters OR be in a “large ensemble” AND Applied Music Studio during the Fall 2013 AND Spring 2014 semesters OR be an accompanist for MSU music students AND Applied Music Studio during the Fall 2013 AND Spring 2014 semesters.

REPERTOIRE:

- Each contestant must perform a movement from a concerto for instrumentalists or two arias for voice from the standard repertoire. If the instrumental concerto is short enough, multiple movements may be accepted at the discretion of Dr. Stewart and the studio faculty member. The selection length for the audition cannot exceed 10 minutes but must exceed 6 minutes. At 10 minutes after entering the stage, the contestant will be asked to leave regardless of whether or not they have completed their piece.
- Contestants may make cuts where appropriate to shorten their time. Contestants are encouraged to cut lengthy accompaniment introductions and interludes to maximize the time the judges hear their performance.
- Double and triple concertos are acceptable and encouraged.
- Memorization is required for winners in the final performance. Memorization is also required for vocalists in both rounds of the competition. Memorization is HIGHLY recommended for instrumentalists in both rounds of the competition.
- The audition application will either be approved or disapproved based on the feasibility of performing this work with the MSU Symphony Orchestra on the February concert taking into consideration the difficulty of accompaniment, rental material issues, orchestration, etc.
- If you are unsure of the availability of the orchestral accompaniment, check with your studio instructor and/or Dr. Stewart well before the application is due.
- The applicant must audition and perform with the piece listed on the application. This selection may not be changed after the application has been turned in.

DEADLINE: ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2014

Complete the Audition Application Form and Return to Dr. Stewart in person or in his MSU Mail Slot in the Music Department Office.

PROCEDURE:

- Applications will be available online at: <http://www.montana.edu/music/symphony/> and there will be some hard copies on the Symphony Bulletin Board next to Office 177.
- A printed application form must be completed and received by the deadline date – October 24, 2014 to Dr. Stewart (Late Applications **WILL NOT** Be Accepted).
- Accompanists are required for both rounds of the audition.
- All contestants must provide their own accompanists for the competition.
- All contestants must provide 4 copies of the score of their selection(s) to Dr. Stewart along with the application or they will not be allowed to perform.
- Your application must include all the information requested therein. (See the following page)
- The appropriate applied music faculty member must sign the approval of the application.
- The winners of the competition must be available for subsequent rehearsals and the performance. Rehearsals occur on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30-6:20 p.m.
- All contestants must own their instruments or arrange for one to be available for all auditions and the final performance.
- All contestants will be notified or receive audition times by November 14th 2014.
- All previous competition winners may audition bi-annually.



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Student's name (as it should appear on the program)

Student's email address

Applied faculty member's name

Applied faculty email address

Student's degree program

Student's year in school

Instrument/ Voice classification

Accompanist

Composer of work to be performed

Title of work to be performed

Movement/aria title(s)

Total performance length of movement/aria(s) to be performed. (This may be longer than the 10 minute audition allotment.)

Applied faculty member's Signature

I have read the regulations governing the MSU Concerto and Aria Competition Audition, and I agree to abide by them. By entering the audition, I agree, if chosen as a winner, to perform in the concert on Friday, February 20, 2015.

*Audition forms must be submitted to Dr. Stewart by 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 24, 2014**. Late forms will not be accepted. Please turn in 4 copies of the score along with this application.*

Student's Signature

FOR FURTHER INQUIRIES CONTACT

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MSU Symphony Orchestra Director

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