

APPLICATION – HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE DIVISIONS

2024 THORESON STEFFES YOUNG ARTISTS SOLO COMPETITION

PIANO AND ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENTS

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

Competition Date and Time: 9:00 am, Saturday, January 6, 2024

Concordia College, Moorhead MN

PLEASE PRINT IN INK OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Name _____ Age _____ Instrument _____

Home Address _____ H.S. Grade _____ High School _____

Street

Cell Phone () _____

City

State

Zip

If College Division, Name of School _____ City/State _____

Email address _____

COMPOSITION: Composer _____ Title _____ Mvmt. _____

10 minutes maximum audition time for the morning preliminaries with judges screened from view. No observers will be allowed during the morning preliminaries. Contestants may edit the movement or part of the work being performed to fit the time limit. This may be accomplished at least in part by omitting repeats and extended orchestral sections.

Contestants will be offered a two-minute warm-up time to get a feel for the piano or tune string/wind/brass instruments.

During this warm-up, the contestant **MUST** play scales or other exercises, **NOT** the piece to be performed. Contestants

who advance to the finals in the afternoon must perform the movement or part of the work **IN ITS ENTIRETY** and will be

given the time to do so. No additional movements of the work may be presented in the finals. Judges will not be screened

during the finals, which are open to the public. **Selection should be from official repertoire list. The Fargo-Moorhead**

Symphony MUST approve substitutions by November 17, 2023; call Mindy Heitkamp, 701-478-3676. Judges DO

NOT need copies of music being performed. Finals are tentatively set to begin at 1:00 pm, with the High School Division

first, then the College Division. The number of applicants may dictate a change in the start time; we will notify all applicants.

ACCOMPANIST (provided by applicant) NAME _____ Cell phone: _____

Accompanist may be your own music teacher.

Indicate if your accompanist is playing for other students in the competition. Yes ___ No ___ If yes, list names on back to ensure better scheduling.

Private music teacher (Print) _____ Cell Phone () _____

Music Teacher's Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Music Teacher's Signature _____

(High School Only) Print names of Parent/s or Guardian/s _____

(High School Only) Signature of One Parent/Guardian _____

This signature gives FM Symphony permission to use any photos taken at competition in publicity.

Contestants will be notified at least one week prior to the competition regarding the time they are scheduled to play in the morning preliminary competition on January 8. Names of finalists will be posted at noon or shortly thereafter. Finals begin at 1:00 pm and are open to the public, families welcome.

THE DEADLINE for receiving applications in the FM Symphony office, 808 3rd Ave S, Suite 300, Fargo ND, is **5:00 pm CST, Friday, December 1, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted.** Since the High School Grand Prize Award Winner will perform at the FMSO's Kids in the Hall Concert on Saturday April 27, 2024, at 2:00 pm at the Fargo Theatre. All contestants must be available then, as well as rehearsal on April 22, 2023 at 7:15 pm at NDSU.

Complete this form (please print *legibly* in black ink or type) and return with check or money order for \$25.00 (non-refundable) payable to the F-M Symphony to: YASC, FM Symphony, 808 3rd Ave S, Suite 300, Fargo ND 58103