



The Cantata Singers

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December, 2009

Dear Music Educator,

I'm pleased to announce the Cantata Singers' tenth annual **Young Performers' Competition**.

The competition is open to performers from 15 to 20 years of age. Vocal or instrumental solos and ensembles are eligible. Performers may prepare any classical work of music.

Auditions for students will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2010, beginning at 9 A.M. at First Presbyterian Church on West Clinton St. in Elmira. Judges will include Will Wickham, the director of the Cantata Singers, and a panel of local music teachers.

The winner of the competition will perform at the Cantata Singers' Gala Opening Concert for the Festival of Women in the Arts on February 28, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at Horseheads Presbyterian Church.

A \$150 prize will be awarded to the winner.

If you have accomplished student musicians who might like to participate in this competition, please bring this opportunity to their attention. A student information sheet and registration form are enclosed with this letter. Please feel free to make copies.

If you'd like more information, please feel free to call me at 732-8940. To register, return the enclosed form by January 6, 2010.

Sincerely,

Susan Nagle
President, The Cantata Singers
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Young Performers Competition Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Instrument or Voice Part _____

Piece to be performed

Title _____

Composer _____

Date _____

Teacher=s Name _____

Teacher=s Phone _____

School You Attend _____

Please return this form by January 6, 2010 to:

The Cantata Singers
c/o Susan Nagle
732 Reservoir St.
Elmira NY 14905

You will be contacted with your audition time and further instructions in January.

The Cantata Singers' Young Performers Competition 2010

What:

An Annual competition among local musicians, sponsored by The Cantata Singers of Elmira, to encourage and promote the love and continued performance of live classical music in the Southern Tier.

Who is Eligible:

Accomplished musicians between the ages of 15 and 20. Vocal or instrumental solo and ensemble entries will be accepted.

Composition:

Any classical composition is acceptable for performance.

Audition Date:

Saturday, January 23 at First Presbyterian Church, on West Clinton Street in Elmira. Judges will be a panel of local music teachers and the director of The Cantata Singers.

Performance Event and Date:

Cantata Singers' Festival of Women in the Arts Gala Opening Concert, Sunday, February 28th, 2010, at 3 P.M. at Horseheads Presbyterian Church, Westinghouse Rd., Horseheads, NY

Why should I compete?

Winner will receive:

- an opportunity to perform at a public concert with an established adult group, well known in the area for many years
- a prize of \$150
- an impressive résumé addition

For further information, contact your teacher or call Susan Nagle, Cantata Singers president, at 732-8940.

Cantata singers Young Performers Competition 2010

Mission: The Young Performers Competition is an event sponsored by The Cantata Singers of Elmira for the purpose of providing an opportunity for local youth to further develop and showcase their musical talents.

Auditions: Saturday, January 23rd, 2010, at First Presbyterian Church, 1054 West Clinton Street. Elmira

Rules:

- * All participants must be within the approved age range of 15 - 20 at the time of the competition.
- * Participants will perform a classical composition of their choice.
- * Entries may be instrumental or vocal.
- * Entries may be solo, duet, or ensemble.
- * Memorization is preferred but not required.
- * A piano will be available but participants should provide an accompanist.
- * Time limit. For especially lengthy works, the judges may request specific sections for the performance.
- * All participants must submit three (3) copies of their music manuscript to the judges prior to the audition. Copies of these materials may be used for judging purposes only. Copyright laws prohibit the use of photocopied music in performance. Use of photocopied music in the performance, whether by the performer or accompanist, may result in disqualification.

Competition Winner:

Will receive a cash award of \$150, and will **perform the winning entry at the Cantata Singers' Festival of Women in the Arts Gala Opening Concert on Sunday, February 28th, 2010, at 3:00 PM at Horseheads Presbyterian Church, Westinghouse Road, Horseheads, NY**

Questions? Contact Susan Nagle at 732-8940, or naglesusan@yahoo.com