

CHICO GUILD – NORTH STATE SYMPHONY

2012 YOUNG ARTISTS AUDITIONS

AN INVITATION

October 10, 2011

To: Northern California Music Teachers
Junior High and High School Music Directors
College/University Music Department Chairs
Music Students – Former YAA Participants

The Chico Guild - North State Symphony and the North State Symphony League of Redding, in conjunction with the conductor of the North State Symphony, are co-sponsoring the annual Young Artists Auditions for the year 2012. The competition will consist of a High School Division for students in grades 7 through 12 and a College/University Division.

The first place winner in the High School Division will receive a \$700.00 award from the Chico Guild and gain the privilege of performing as a soloist with the North State Symphony. The second place winner will receive a \$300.00 award from the Chico Guild. The first place winner in the College/University Division will receive a \$500.00 award from the Redding League and gain the privilege of performing as a soloist with the North State Symphony. The second place winner will receive a \$300.00 award from the Redding League. Each student entering the auditions will receive a Certificate of Participation and two complimentary tickets for a North State Symphony concert.

Many of the most talented young musicians in Northern California have participated in the past auditions. They gave outstanding performances. The Guild and League promote efforts to nurture and support talented young musicians who are serious about classical music. We would like to encourage teachers to help prepare their most promising students for the Young Artists Auditions and students to work with their teachers. Students will benefit from the experience, even if they do not win a prize.

This year the High School Division first place winner was Greg Manuel, flute, of Redding, and the second place co-winners were Nellie Ponarul, violin, of Chico, and William Buchholtz, cello, of Chico. The College/University Division first place winner was Rafael Delsid, tenor, of Redding, and the second place winner was Naoko Terakado, piano, of Chico. Greg Manuel will be performing with the North State Symphony on November 12-13, 2011. Rafael Delsid will be performing in the December 16-17-18, 2011, Holiday Concert.

We are sending the announcement and entry application well in advance in order to give you ample time to prepare for the competition that will be held on Sunday, February 12, 2012, beginning at 12:00 noon in the Rowland Taylor Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center (Room 134), California State University, Chico. The public is invited to attend the competition.

Sincerely yours,

Helga Ruge, Chair
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Enclosures: Announcement
Repertoire
Entry Application (May be duplicated)

**THE CHICO GUILD – NORTH STATE SYMPHONY and
THE NORTH STATE SYMPHONY LEAGUE OF REDDING
Announce the 2012
YOUNG ARTISTS AUDITIONS**

ELIGIBILITY: North State students in grades 7 through 12 are invited to participate in the High School Division. North State College/University students are invited to participate in the College/University Division. The competition is open to students who reside or whose home town is in Northern California or who are members of the North State Symphony. Northern California counties included are: Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, and Yuba.

AWARDS: The first place winner in the High School Division will receive \$700.00 from the Chico Guild and appear as soloist with the North State Symphony. The second place winner will receive \$300.00 from the Chico Guild. The winner in the College/University Division will receive a \$500.00 prize from the Redding League and will appear as soloist with the North State Symphony. The second place winner will receive \$300.00 from the Redding League. All contestants will be given a Certificate of Participation. Each student entering the auditions will receive two complimentary tickets for a North State Symphony concert.

REQUIREMENTS: Each contestant must be prepared to present all or a major portion of a serious work for soloist and orchestra. Contestants are advised that the judges prefer concerto choices appropriate to their level of playing, not the most difficult possible piece. *High School division competitors on violin, cello, and piano must choose a work from the enclosed list. High School division competitors on other instruments may choose any concerto for their respective instruments. College division competitors may choose any concerto for their respective instruments.*

GOVERNING RULES:

- Entries from the following categories are eligible: voice, keyboard, and all orchestral instruments.
- Accompanists are required and must be provided by the contestants. The candidate should spend as much time before the competition with the accompanist as possible. The judges are inevitably affected if the accompanist is not well coordinated with the candidate.
- Memorization of the contest material is an advantage, but not mandatory.
- Three copies of the sheet music must be provided by the contestant for use by the judges. Provide ONLY the solo-with-piano score (not orchestral score). Mark cuts clearly with paper clips and/or post-it notes.
- The length of the audition pieces should be between 6-10 minutes. Contestants may perform one or more selections within this time frame.
- CDs or tapes are not permitted.
- Contestants must appear at the audition at their own expense.
- Recital attire is recommended. Jeans and T-shirts are not appropriate.
- A contestant may win first place only once in each category (voice, keyboard, instrumental).
- Judges' decisions will be final.

TIME AND PLACE: Auditions will be held on Sunday, February 12, 2012, beginning at 12:00 noon in the Rowland Taylor Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center (Room 134), California State University, Chico. Practice rooms will be available. Contestants will be notified by mail or e-mail of the exact time of their audition. Contestants are advised to arrive 45-minutes prior to their audition. Winners will be notified by mail or e-mail.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: *The entry application must be completed and submitted to Mrs. Helga Ruge, Chair, Young Artists Auditions, 936 Bryant Avenue, Chico, CA 95926 with a \$15.00 non-refundable application fee. Make check or money order payable to Chico Guild – North State Symphony. Do not send cash. Entry applications must be postmarked no later than January 28, 2012. Entry applications postmarked after that date will be returned.* Further information may be obtained by calling Helga Ruge at 530-345-0744 (hruge@sbcglobal.net) or the North State Symphony office at 530-898-5984 (symphony@csuchico.edu).

North State Symphony – Young Artists Auditions High School Division Repertoire List

High School division competitors on Violin, Cello, and Piano *must* choose a work from the following list. High School division competitors on other instruments may choose any concerto for their respective instruments. College division competitors may choose any concerto for their respective instruments.

Violin

Bach, J.S. – Any Concerto
Barber - Concerto
Bruch - Concerto in G minor
Haydn - Any Concerto
Kabalevsky - Concerto in C Major
Mendelssohn - Concerto in E Minor
Mozart - Any Concerto plus the Rondo in C major
Saint-Saens - Concerto No. 3
Tchaikovsky - Concerto in D Major
Vivaldi - Any Concerto

Cello

Bach, C.P.E. - Any concerto
Bach, J.C. – Any Concerto
Boccherini - Concerto in Bb major
Bruch - Kol Nidrei
Dvorak - Concerto
Elgar - Concerto in E Minor
Faure - Elegie
Haydn – Any concerto
Kabalevsky - Any Concerto
Saint-Saëns - Concerto in A minor
Schumann - Concerto in A Minor
Tchaikovsky - Variations on a Rococo Theme
Vivaldi - Any Concerto

Piano

Bach – Any Keyboard Concerto
Beethoven – Any concerto
Grieg - Concerto in A minor, Mvt. 1
Haydn – Any concerto
Kabalevsky - Concerto No. 3
MacDowell - Concerto No. 2
Mendelssohn - Concerto in G minor
Mozart - Any Concerto
Saint-Saens - Concerto in G minor
Schumann - Concerto in A minor, Op. 54
Shostakovich: Concerto No. 1

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ENTRY APPLICATION

(PLEASE PRINT)

ENTRY LEVEL - Please check one: High School Division (Grades 7-12)

College/University Division

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip) (County)

E-mail Address _____

Phone _____ Parent or Guardian Signature
(High School Division only) _____

School _____ Class Level _____

Performing Medium (voice, keyboard, instrument) _____ Total Years Studied _____

Audition Selection _____
(Title) (Composer)

Length of Selection _____ Minutes _____ Seconds Selection Published by _____

Accompanist's Name _____ Music Teacher's Name _____

Music Teacher's Signature _____ E-mail Address _____

Music Teacher's Address _____ Phone _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

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