



Merced Symphony Association and Merced College Announce the 2018-19 Annual MSA Youth Auditions

Dear Music/Voice Teacher,

Be a part of our 61st consecutive year of bringing exceptional classical music to Merced! Enclosed is an application for the MSA Youth Auditions co-sponsored with Merced College. Please encourage your advanced students to audition! Please also share this opportunity with other music teachers and their experienced voice or instrument students.

This year's competition is Saturday, November 17, 2018 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 pm at Merced College. Merced College is located at 3600 M. St., Merced, CA 95348-2806. Parking fee is \$1.

The musical requirements are as follows:

- Contestants must be able to perform proficiently on a musical instrument or in voice.
- Concerto performed should be from standard concert repertoire.
- Vocal participants should present two contrasting selections.

Other requirements are as follows:

- Contestants must be under the age of 21 as of January 1, 2019.
- Contestants must provide three (3) copies of the music to be performed for the judges.
- At the discretion of the Music Director, the winner(s) may be invited to perform at either one of the four Children's Concerts or with the Merced Symphony Orchestra at its Spring Concert. Please note that we cannot, at this time, guarantee a public performance for the audition winner(s).
- Cash awards are given to the winner(s). Usually this is--1st Place: \$100/2nd Place: \$75/3rd Place: \$50.
- Contestants are expected to provide their own accompanist. A piano or keyboard will be available for the accompanist.
- A \$20 entry fee made payable to the Merced Symphony Association (MSA) must accompany the completed application.
- Deadline for applications is **Wednesday, November 7, 2018.**
- Mail entry form and fee to the Merced Symphony, P. O. Box 894, Merced 95341-0894.
- If you have questions, please call the Symphony Office at 383-3277 to leave a message, or contact MSA President, Judy Edwina Smith, 209-777-5345 or e-mail sierratrekker@comcast.net.

Students will report at least 15 minutes ahead of their assigned time to Music Room 1 located in the Music Building behind the Merced College Theater. Practice rooms are available as well as a place for parents to wait during the auditions. Audition schedule will be determined by the number of applicants and the distance each has to travel. Schedule will be announced during the week before the audition.

Several audition winners have played professionally and one has achieved world-wide renown. The Merced Symphony Association and Merced College are proud to have helped them on their way. We look forward to helping your exceptional students grow as well!

Sincerely,

Judy Edwina Smith, President
Merced Symphony Board

John Albano, Dean
Fine & Performing Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at
Merced College

2018 MSA YOUTH AUDITIONS

Co-sponsored by **Merced Symphony Association & Merced College**

Saturday, November 17, 2018, Merced College, Music Room 1 from 11 am – 1 pm

Please return the application with your \$20 check made out to MSA to our office on or before **Wednesday, November 7, 2018**. (Please use the mailing address below.)

Name: _____ Phone(s): _____
Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____
E-Mail: _____ Birth Date: _____ Age: _____

Type of Instrument/Vocal Range: _____

Ability Level: [] Intermediate [] Advanced [] Professional

Name of Music Teacher/Voice Coach: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Accompanist: _____ Phone: _____

Audition Music: (Piece/Part/Composer) _____

Audition Vocal Music: (Piece/Composer) #1: _____

#2: _____

Experience (Please include any awards, commendations, solo performances or appearances with other orchestras and ensembles.) You may attach a separate page, if needed.

Availability: Please indicate your availability for our concerts:

[] Merced Children's Concerts, Friday, February 1, 2019*

[] Los Baños Children's Concerts, Thursday, January 31, 2019*

[] Pops Concert, Friday, February 1, 2019*

[] Spring Concert, Friday, April 12, 2019*

*Invitations to perform are at the discretion of the Music Director and limited by the availability of the correct orchestral mix. The Children's Concert has two performances in the morning of each day. Performances at the Children's Concerts may not be accompanied by the orchestra, since these are special programs and there is often no prior rehearsal. The Spring Concert uses a more complete orchestra. Awards are usually given at the concert after your performance. Certificates will be mailed, if your student is not invited to perform.

Important: *Please bring 3 copies of your music to the audition for the judges to use in evaluating your performance. Questions? Contact MSA President Judy Edwina Smith @ 209-777-5345 or sierratrekker@comcast.net.*

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