



October 13th, 2022

Dear Teachers/Parents/Administrators,

The Symphony of the Lakes, a part-time professional orchestra located in Warsaw, Indiana, is pleased to announce that we will be hosting the Symphony of the Lakes Young Artist Competition. Our organization recognizes that Indiana is blessed with so many wonderful young musicians around the state, and that we want to offer students a unique opportunity to compete and also have an opportunity to perform with the Symphony of the Lakes in the future. Our musicians come from all over Indiana, so it's important to us that we've expanded this opportunity for students beyond northern Indiana.

The competition will be February 11, 2023 at the Warsaw Performing Arts Center, with opportunities for students grades 5-12 who play any of the following instruments: Orchestral Strings (including Harp), Brass, Woodwinds, Percussion, and Piano. Students must meet specific eligibility requirements to participate.

To participate, students must be a resident of an Indiana county. Students must also participate in musical activities in school OR have a private instructor. Other rules for the competition can be found in the materials included with this letter. This letter and the entry form may be copied to distribute among students. This letter and entry form will also be available to download at: <https://www.wagonwheelcenter.org/events/young-artist-comp/>

We hope that you will help us reach out to private teachers of your school students and help spread the word. We certainly do not want to exclude anyone from participating if they have the desire to do so. We look forward to more opportunities for you and your students in the future.

The mission of the Symphony of the Lakes is to engage its northern Indiana community and Indiana communities at large, through live musical and educational performances. Giving students an opportunity like this will hopefully allow your young artists the chance to shine in a way like no other!

The application deadline is January 16th, 2023. If you have any questions please email them to [jonathan@wagonwheeltheatre.org](mailto:jonathan@wagonwheeltheatre.org).

Regards,

Dr. Jason Thompson  
Conductor/Music Director for The Symphony of the Lakes



## 2023 Symphony of the Lakes Young Artist Competition Entry Form:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

### **Information about your piece:**

Composer \_\_\_\_\_  
(Senior division include key, opus number, and publisher)

Movement Number and/or Title \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of Piece \_\_\_\_\_ Accompanist \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor/Private Teacher Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Instructors Please double check opus number and movement as listed by the student*

Name(s) of parent(s) or guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

By signing I give Wagon Wheel Center for the Arts and Symphony of the Lakes permission to film my child's performance and use the recording for marketing purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Additional Materials Needed (ONLY on day of competition)**

**SENIOR DIVISION**

- Three copies of music for judges (photocopies acceptable) with measures numbered

**JUNIOR DIVISION**

- Two copies of music for judges (photocopies acceptable) with measures numbered

**BOTH (Three copies for Senior Division, Two copies for Junior Division)**

- 200 word or less bio of the student
- List of musical achievements

Please send ENTRY FORM to:

SOTL Young Artist Competition  
Wagon Wheel Theatre Center for the Arts  
Symphony of the Lakes  
2515 E Center Street  
Warsaw, IN 46580

Or scan and email to [jonathan@wagonwheeltheatre.org](mailto:jonathan@wagonwheeltheatre.org)

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## 2023 Symphony of the Lakes Young Artist Competition Rules and Regulations:

### 1. ELIGIBILITY:

- a. Resident of an Indiana county.
- b. Previous 1st place winners may **NOT** enter a second time in the same division on the same instrument.
- c. The competition is open to the following instrument families: Orchestral Strings (including Harp), Brass, Woodwinds, Percussion, and Piano.
- d. Students must participate in musical activities in school **OR** have a private instructor.
- e. **Junior Division:** Grades 5-8 **Senior Division:** 9-12

### 2. APPLICATION PROCESS: Entrants must submit a complete entry form either online or via the attached form<sup>1</sup> and the nonrefundable entry fee of \$25 by January 16th, 2023.

- a. Cash, Check, Money Order or Credit Card –
  - i. At the Wagon Wheel Theatre box office.
- b. Check or Money Order via mail with registration form to the Wagon Wheel Theatre (address listed on page 3 of packet, for additional materials needed)
- c. Credit Card –
  - i. Register online at the website.

### 3. COMPETITION RULES:

#### a. SENIOR DIVISION

- i. Contestants should prepare one movement of a concerto or other major work for their instrument that is scored with orchestral accompaniment.
- ii. The selected work must be approved by the SOTL Competition Committee.
- iii. An accompanist is required for all entries.
- iv. Performance time is a minimum of 5 minutes and a maximum of 12 minutes.

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<sup>1</sup> Physical entries must be postmarked no later than January 16th, 2023.



- v. Entrants will have access to a warm-up space before their performance time.

**b. JUNIOR DIVISION**

- i. Contestants should prepare one solo work for their instrument.
- ii. If the work has original accompaniment, it must be performed with an accompanist.
- iii. Performance time is a minimum of 2 ½ minutes and a maximum of 6 minutes.
  - 1. Appropriate cuts may be made to meet length requirements.
  - 2. Multiple movements of a single solo work may be performed to meet the minimum required length.
- iv. Entrants will have access to a warm-up space before their performance time.

**c. BOTH DIVISIONS**

- i. Performers are required to bring their own accompanist for the competition.
- ii. Entrants are encouraged to perform their selection from memory, but it's not required.
- iii. The competition is open to the public. Entrants will be notified of performance times after all applications have been received.
- iv. Competition times are consecutive and approximate. Entrants will be notified before the competition regarding their approximate performance time.
- v. Entrants should register 20-30 minutes before their performance time.
- vi. Entrants are not required to stay for the duration of the competition; however, musicians must return to the Performing Arts Center for their award ceremony.

**4. PRIZES AND AWARDS**

**a. SENIOR DIVISION**

- i. 1st Prize - \$1,000 plus performance with Symphony of the Lakes TBD
- ii. 2nd Prize - \$500
- iii. 3rd Prize - \$250

**b. JUNIOR DIVISION**

- i. The top 3 entrants will receive certificates.