

25th Annual Pocono Arts Council Youth in Music Excellence Awards

Saturday, March 3, 2012

(Snowdate: March 10, 2012)



AVAILABLE AWARDS

\$250 Senior Instrumental Honor Award

\$250 Senior Vocal Honor Award

(Honor Awards are Open to Individual Students in Grade 12)

Instrumental Soloists Awards

Two Junior Awards for Students through Grade 8

Two Senior Awards for Students in Grades 9 – 12

Vocal Soloists Awards

One Junior Awards for Students through Grade 6

Two Junior Awards for Students in Grades 7 & 8

Two Senior Awards for Classical Repertoire

Two Senior Awards for Popular Repertoire

Ensembles (12 performers or less)

Two Junior Awards for Students through Grade 8

Two Senior Awards for Students in Grades 9 – 12

Arranging/Composition/Songwriting

One Junior Award for Students through Grade 8

One Senior Award for Students in Grades 9 – 12

Jazz Improvisation

One Award

Each winner in the junior performance categories will receive a \$50 cash award. Winners in the senior, ensembles and jazz improvisation categories will receive a \$100 cash award to be used by individual performers to further their musical studies and by ensembles to expand their repertoire. Winners in the arranging/composition/songwriting category will receive a demo recording of their composition, compliments of Red Rock Recording Studio in Saylorsburg. **Awards are merit based and at the sole discretion of the evaluators. All awards may not be granted.**

COMPETITION IS OPEN TO STUDENTS THROUGH GRADE 12 RESIDING IN MONROE COUNTY OR ATTENDING A MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Rules & Regulations

1. Applications must be submitted no later than Friday, **February 3, 2012**.
PLEASE NOTE: There is a \$10 application fee for the first category entered and a \$5 fee for any additional categories.
2. All entrants participating for the first time must include a cassette tape or CD of the selection they wish to perform on March 3rd. Entry tapes or CDs must include one selection by each instrumentalist, arranger/composer/songwriter or group. Vocal entrants may submit no more than two selections. **THE RECORDINGS DO NOT HAVE TO BE STUDIO QUALITY.** The selection performed on the tape must be identical to the selection performed live on March 3 and should be recorded at the very beginning of Side A.

ENTRANTS WHO HAVE PERFORMED IN PREVIOUS COMPETITIONS, DO NOT NEED TO SUBMIT A TAPE OR CD. THE SELECTION(S) INDICATED ON THE APPLICATION MUST BE THE ONE PERFORMED ON MARCH 3.
3. Entrants in the arranging/composition/songwriting category may select someone else to perform their work, but a written copy must be submitted. Compositions must be performed on the instruments indicated in the score.
4. Jazz Improvisation entrants must perform the song's melody and follow immediately with four or more improvised choruses. They must also provide the evaluators with a copy of the song's lead sheet. Jazz Improvisation entrants may use a recorded accompaniment.
5. **All other instrumentalists and vocalists must perform with an accompanist on March 3rd. It is the entrant's responsibility to provide their own accompanist.** Only piano will be available. If there are any questions regarding accompanists, call the PoconoArts office at 476-4460 on or before February 3, 2012.
6. Maximum performance time per student is 5 minutes.
7. Students are encouraged to memorize their selections. **A copy of the selection performed (in all categories) must be provided to the evaluators during the performance.**
8. The number of performances is limited to 70. A committee of music professionals and educators will review the applications and select those in each category that will perform on March 3rd at the Sherman Theater. Entrants selected to perform will be notified by mail on or before February 17, 2012.
9. The award winners in each category will be selected during the live performance on March 3rd. **All awards may not be given and the decision of the evaluators is final.**

Students interested in participating may apply through their school music department, private music teacher or the Pocono Arts Council office, 570-476-4460 or info@poconoarts.org.

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Application
Print ALL Information Clearly**

Student Name:	School:	Grade:
Street Address:	City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	Parent/Guardian Name(s):	
Award Category in which you are competing:		
Instrument/Voice:	Years of Experience:	
Title of Selection:	Composer:	
Performance Time: Minutes	Accompanist:	
School Music Teacher(s):	Private Music Teacher(s):	
What do you like best about studying music?		
To what school/church/other musical groups do you belong?		

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

No application will be accepted later than February 3, 2012.

Include with your application:

1. **\$10 entry fee for the first category and \$5 for each additional category entered.** Please make checks payable to "Pocono Arts Council."
2. All entrants participating for the first time must include a cassette tape or CD of the selection they wish to perform on March 3rd. **WRITE YOUR NAME, GRADE & PHONE NUMBER CLEARLY ON THE TAPE or CD.** Start recording your selection at the very beginning of Side A.
3. Entrants who performed in previous competitions, **DO NOT** need to submit a tape or CD. The selection indicated above **MUST BE** the one performed on March 5.
4. Entrants in the arranging/composition/songwriting category must include a written copy of their work, clearly labeled.
5. Entrants in the jazz improvisation category must submit a copy of their lead sheet.

Mail or bring your application and payment to: Pocono Arts Council
18 N. Seventh St.
Stroudsburg PA 18360

QUESTIONS?? Call the PoconoArts office at 570-476-4460 or email info@poconoarts.org.