

# The Valdosta Symphony ORCHESTRA

## 2012 Concerto Competition Guidelines

The Valdosta Symphony Orchestra is pleased to announce the annual Concerto Competition for Valdosta State University students. The winner of the competition will appear as soloist with the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra on the Youth Concert March 23, 2012. In addition, the winner and selected finalists will perform on an Honors Recital to be held February 12, at 7:30pm, 2012. The Honors Recital is free and open to the public.

### Parameters of the competition

- The competition is limited to full-time Valdosta State University students who are registered for private applied study on their respective instrument or voice (excepting those who may be student teaching).
- The student must be nominated and approved for the audition by the appropriate applied teacher.
- Students must be enrolled in Valdosta State University at both the time of the audition and the performance with the Valdosta Symphony or approved by Music Director for non-VSO instruments/voice.
- Selection must be between 5-15 minutes in duration. Multiple movements or selections can be used.
- Memorization is not required.
- The solo repertoire for the performance must be appropriate to the amount of rehearsal time available and the concert program. Therefore, the Music Director will review proposed selections for their appropriateness. Selected repertoire must be approved in advance. Auditioning students and/or their teachers should submit repertoire information and/or scores for approval by November 4, 2011.
- The winner must perform the repertoire on which they audition. No substitution of repertoire can be made.
- The winner will dress in appropriate formal attire when they appear with the VSO in concert.
- For the 2012 competition, the VSO will provide an accompanist for the audition and recital.
- The winner's repertoire must be no longer than 15 minutes of concerto time allotted for this concert.
- Students will need to submit piano accompaniments at the time of application along with a \$75 deposit. The deposit will be returned, provided the student competes in the competition. Students withdrawing from competition will submit request for return of deposit to Music Director. The Executive Director and Music Director will determine acceptable withdrawals for medical emergencies or other factors beyond the control of student.
- Those not using VSO provided accompanists do not have to submit a \$75 deposit. Those students selecting their own accompanists must also provide one for the Honors Recital.
- Once an assignment is made, the student will be responsible for scheduling two rehearsals with his/her accompanist. (Scheduling assistance will be provided to those students assigned guest accompanists.)
- To assure the appropriate atmosphere, the audition will be closed to students, guests and the general public and open only to VSU music faculty.
- Once applications are in, students and faculty will be notified of acceptance by November 14.
- In order to increase opportunities among students, past winners are not eligible the next year of competition, but are eligible for any subsequent years.
- The winner and selected finalists will also perform on a public VSO Honors Recital, February 12, 7:30pm, 2012. The student winner and finalists appearing on the Honors Recital will perform the repertoire on which they audition. No substitution of repertoire can be made.

### Additional Information

The competition will be adjudicated by a committee of at least three distinguished judges, selected by Valdosta Symphony Orchestra administration and shall include the Music Director.

The 2012 Concerto Competition Audition will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2012 beginning at 2:00 pm in Whitehead Auditorium.