

# Bryn Athyn Orchestra Young Artist Competition

## The Bryn Athyn Orchestra Association

has supported aspiring musicians since the orchestra was founded in 1926, both as soloists and as members of the orchestra. The Bryn Athyn Orchestra's Young Artist Competition was first held in 2015. The competition offers one winner a \$500 scholarship and the opportunity to appear as a soloist with the Bryn Athyn Orchestra as part of one regularly scheduled concert during the 2017-2018 season. The orchestra currently consists of approximately 50 dedicated musicians from the greater Philadelphia area.

The Bryn Athyn Orchestra is currently under the baton of Dan Kujala. Mr. Kujala is a teacher, an active soloist, chamber musician and a section leader of the Warminster Symphony Orchestra.

## ELIGIBILITY

The Bryn Athyn Orchestra Young Artists Competition is open to instrumentalists in grades 9-12 or who will be no more than 18 years of age on May 6, 2017. Students who are attending a college level music conservatory are not eligible to apply. Applicants must reside in Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery or Philadelphia Counties in Pennsylvania; or Burlington, Camden, Gloucester or Mercer Counties in New Jersey. First place winners may not enter the competition in subsequent years.

## APPLICATIONS

Only complete applications will be considered. A complete application consists of:

1. A completed application form.
2. Proof of age (photocopy of birth certificate or passport).
3. Proof of residency (photocopy of utility bill, school document).
4. One letter of recommendation (from teacher, conductor, etc.).
5. A non-refundable application fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to the Bryn Athyn Orchestra Association in the amount of \$35.

Applications must be postmarked on or before April 15, 2017. Late applications will not be accepted. Applicants will receive notification of their acceptance and audition information (time and directions, etc.) by April 29, 2017.

## LOCATION

Auditions will be held at:  
Bryn Athyn Church School  
600 Tomlinson Road  
Bryn Athyn PA, 19009

## PRIZE

One first place winner will receive a monetary prize of \$500, payable on performance with the orchestra. The winner must be available to rehearse and perform with the Bryn Athyn Orchestra during a regularly scheduled concert in the 2017-2018 concert season at the discretion of the Music Director. If the chosen winner is unavailable to perform, a runner-up may be advanced.

## \*\*SPECIAL AUDITION TIME REQUESTS\*\*

must be made in writing when submitting your application. Please attach a note that clearly explains your circumstances. While it may not be possible to guarantee that your request will be honored, we will attempt to accommodate you.

Questions should be directed to 267-502-2979

Email: brynathynorchestra@gmail.com

## AUDITION Qualifications and Guidelines

1. Auditions are offered to woodwind, brass, string, and percussion instruments. No pianists this year.
2. Auditions are open to students in grades 9-12 or who are up to and including age 18 at the time of the audition.
3. The audition piece must be a work for solo and orchestra.
4. The audition piece should be no longer than 15 minutes in length, and must be a work available in the public domain, or out of copyright restriction.
5. The audition piece must be the same piece to be performed in concert with the orchestra.
6. It is not necessary to memorize the solo for the audition.
7. Applicants should be prepared to play an entire solo or concerto movement.
8. Students may audition on more than one instrument. A separate audition form and separate fee must be submitted for each instrument.
9. Applicants must wear appropriate performance apparel for the audition.
10. Performers must provide 3 copies of audition music, each labeled with the performer's name. *Please bring copies of the music to the audition: do not mail them with the application.*
11. Accompanists are not required for the audition. Applicants may bring an accompanist if desired, however the accompanist may not be the applicant's teacher. Only the auditioning student and his/her accompanist will be permitted in the audition room. All teachers and parents must remain in the designated waiting area.

Auditions will take place on one day only,

**SATURDAY May 6, 2017**

Audition times will be offered between 11 am and 3 pm.

All applicants will be notified of their audition time by  
April 29, 2017.

## JUDGES

Judges will be professional musicians. Judges' comments will be sent to every participant following the competition. The decision of the judges is final.



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Young Artist Competition Application:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home): (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (cell): (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Selection to be performed (including timing): \_\_\_\_\_

Composer: \_\_\_\_\_

Private Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Address and Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be bringing an accompanist?  No  Yes, Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your activities and any awards. Attach a separate sheet of paper if you need additional space.

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Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

A complete application includes this form, in addition to the following:

- A letter of recommendation
- Proof of age
- Check or money order for \$35
- Proof of residency

**Mail completed application with a (non-refundable) \$35 check or money order made out to Bryn Athyn Orchestra to:**

B. A. O. Youth Artist Competition  
Bryn Athyn Orchestra  
P.O. Box 277  
Bryn Athyn, PA 19009

**Postmark deadline for submission is April 15, 2017. Audition times will be confirmed by email on April 29, 2017. This application form may be duplicated. Also available online at <http://www.brynathynorchestra.org>.**