



STUDENT CONCERTO COMPETITION

Information for Fall 2011

Winning soloist will be accompanied by the CJMEA HS Orchestra

The following information is intended to inform you of this opportunity for the students of Central Jersey.
Continue to check with the CJMEA web site for updated information.

Solo Approval Form Due Date	November 1, 2011	Solo Approval Form should be e-mailed to :	cfinnegan@ebnet.org
<u>PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR THE SOLO APPROVAL FORM</u>			
Application Due Date:	November 11, 2011	Return Fees and Applications to:	CJMEA Concerto Competition 40 Thomas Street Old Bridge, NJ 08857
Application Fee	\$25	All checks should be made payable to CJMEA. School or director's checks only. No parent checks or cash will be accepted.	

Directors ONLY may contact Chris Finnegan at cfinnegan@ebnet.org for further information.
SUNDAY November 27, 2011 7:00 PM
MARRYOTT MUSIC BUILDING - RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

ELIGIBILITY:

Strings:

1. For the school year 2011-2012, candidates must have performed with the CJMEA HS Region Orchestra in January 2011.
2. Candidates must also audition for the orchestra, be accepted, and finish in the top 10% of their section that is auditioning.
3. The soloist accepted does not need to play in the orchestra, but may - their choice, but must be available to rehearse with the orchestra as needed.
4. Harp - still must audition for ensembles, meet yearly eligibility regardless of need.

Winds/Brass/Perc.:

1. For the school year 2011-2012, candidates must have performed with a CJMEA HS Region Ensemble in January 2011.
2. Candidates must also audition for the Bands/Orchestra, be accepted, and finish in the top 10% of their section that is auditioning.
3. If the winning soloist is a wind player, they must play with the WE/Band, if assigned there, but must be allowed/available to rehearse with the orchestra as needed.
4. If the winning soloist is a wind player, they may play with the orchestra, if assigned there - their choice.

Vocal:

1. For the school year 2011-2012, candidates must have performed with a CJMEA HS Region Chorus in January 2011.
2. Candidates must also audition for the chorus, be accepted, and finish in the top 10% of their section that is auditioning.
3. If the winning soloist is a vocalist, they must sing with the chorus when accepted, but must be allowed/available to rehearse with the orchestra as needed.



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ALL:

1. Solo should be of the standard repertoire for their instrument/voice and readily available for purchase or rental. Accompaniment should be by a standard symphony orchestra. It will be the student's responsibility to provide proof of its availability with the application. Applications will be available with the CJMEA ensemble audition information in the fall. All solos must be approved prior to the application deadline.
2. All soloists must be accompanied; it is the student's responsibility to provide their own accompanist.
3. Solo must be memorized.
4. The selection of music must not exceed 12 minutes (average), including cadenzas. If using multiple movements/selections (vocal)/cadenzas - may not exceed time limits.
5. \$25.00 application fee. Audition will be held prior to ensemble auditions.
 - a. "Winner" will be announced WITH the region ensemble results.
6. Soloists will provide 2 copies of the piano part the evening of the audition for the judges. These will be returned.
7. Auditions WILL NOT be blind.
8. The decision of the judges will be final, including the decision not to select a soloist in any given year.
9. Students will be sent a copy of the judges scoring and comments after the winner has been announced.
10. Due to logistical reasons, it is not possible to offer this opportunity to Pianists at this time. We do not know the availability of a concert/grand piano at concert sites, plus the stage size with a piano and orchestra.
11. Applicants will still need to meet all eligibility requirements required for the CJMEA HS ensemble auditions.
12. Independent judges will be used. Sponsoring directors are not required to be present at this audition, but must meet all director membership requirements.
13. The winner of any year will not be eligible to compete in the concerto competition the following year, but may two years later, but must continue to be a member of an ensemble in order to maintain future eligibility.

ie: 2011-12 Winner
2012-13 Not Eligible to compete in the Concerto Competition
2013-14 Eligible to compete again

14. All applications and materials **MUST be sent via REGULAR MAIL.**
 - a. No trips will be made to the post office to retrieve signature required mail.
15. No student will be permitted to audition if their solo selection has not been approved. Refer to the Solo Approval Form for solo approval deadlines.

Updated information will be available on the CJMEA web page.



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HANDWRITTEN FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please Type all information as you would wish it to appear in the program.

This application is to be used by all applicants for the 2011-2012 CJMEA Concerto Competition - Only. Applicants must refer to the CJMEA Web page for all rules of eligibility and soloist requirements. All applicants are required to audition for the region ensembles and complete and submit those applications as required.

**Competition date – November 27, 2011, 7:00 PM
Marryott Music Building – Rutgers University**

Name _____ Home Phone _____
Address _____ Town/Zip _____
School _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____
Instrument _____ Solo _____
Accompanist's Name _____

Publisher info – it is the applicant's responsibility to check with the publisher to be sure that the orchestra parts are readily available for CJMEA to purchase or rent.

Publisher _____
Phone Number _____
Solo Catalog Number _____

Region Ensemble you were a member of in 2010-2011 : Check one

HS Symphonic Band HS Wind Ensemble HS Orchestra HS Chorus

Student endorsement:

I have read and understand all the eligibility and competition rules found on the CJMEA web site and will abide by them to the fullest. I understand that should I fail to comply with any or all of these rules, I will be removed from the competition/concert. I further agree that I will be fully prepared to perform at the concert, as required, or I may be removed from the performance. I understand that this application must be received by the date posted or I will be ineligible to compete. I also attest that I was a member of and fulfilled my participation in good standing in the HS Region ensemble named above.

Signed _____ Date _____

Parent endorsement:

We are the parents/guardian of the above named student and fully support and encourage their application for the competition. We have read and understand all the eligibility and competition rules found on the CJMEA web site and the above student endorsement, and will assure that our child will abide by them to the fullest. Should they fail to comply with any/all rules, we understand that they will be removed from the competition/concert and we will not challenge this decision.

Signed _____ Date _____

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SCHOOL ENDORSEMENT: We, the undersigned, recommend the above named student for participation in this CJMEA sponsored activity. He/she is a qualified candidate for this activity and is presently enrolled in the above named grade level and school. We understand, in order to audition, that the student:

1. is a member of the corresponding school musical performing organization. By this we mean that a student auditioning for chorus must be a member of their school choral program, and a student auditioning for band or orchestra must be a member of their school instrumental music program.

Or

2. does not have a corresponding school musical performing organization in the school or home school* where he or she attends but that we know this student and will attest to his or her ability and character.
3. Region II/All-State member must remain an active member, in good standing, of the school performing organization throughout the Region II/All-State experience. We understand that the music teacher sponsoring this student is a paid member of MENC and will be present on the day of auditions and will serve and complete the assignment given to him/her by the audition chairperson. We also understand that we will review this application to be sure that all parts are completed correctly. In the event that the student is accepted into the group, we will use our influence to see that the student is properly prepared and that he/she adheres to the rules, regulations and policies printed on this application and set forth by the performing groups.

Signature of Teacher _____ Home Phone _____

Principal or Superintendent Signature _____

Print Teacher Name _____

Please Note: A student will not be excused for any types of performances other than one school performance with the corresponding type of CJMEA instrumental organization. For example: if the student is in the CJMEA Orchestra, the student may be excused from a CJMEA Orchestra rehearsal (excluding the dress rehearsal) to perform with his/her school orchestra. No one may miss the concert weekend rehearsals for any reason.

ATTENTION Home School Students and Directors. Please read the special Home School instructions included in the registration information section BEFORE you complete this form.

All applications and materials **MUST be sent via REGULAR MAIL, NO SIGNATURE REQUIRED.**

No trip to the post office will be made for any mail sent with signature required.

Application Form Typing Instructions

Please note: The application form (see the following two pages) is to be typed directly into the form using Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0 or later.

- 1) Type all your information on the top portion of the form directly on your computer **BEFORE** printing. Use the mouse to click on check boxes and the tab key or the mouse to move from line to line when entering information.
- 2) Print both pages of the completed application.
- 3) You and a parent/guardian must sign the application form.
- 4) Return the form to your director by the designated date.
- 5) Please note that you need a separate application and fee for each instrument
- 6) If you do not have access to a computer, please see your school's director for assistance.