



## Youth Soloist Auditions

**2009-10 Auditions: Saturday, January 23, 2010**

**Winners perform on KSO Youth Concerts, March 8-12, 2010**

**Call 349-7759, ext. 0 to request an application and sign up for an audition time.**

Each year, the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra invites advanced student musicians to audition for the opportunity to perform with the orchestra. Up to three outstanding Youth Soloists are selected. The winners perform with the full orchestra during KSO Youth Concerts.

To request an application and sign up for an audition time, interested students or their teachers may contact the KSO office at 349-7759, ext. 0. Students must register by Monday, January 18, 2010.

There is a \$15 entrance fee payable to the *Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra*. Families on free/reduced lunch can submit a letter of verification from their schools instead of paying the fee.

Students are eligible to audition if they are enrolled in grades K-12 and reside and attend school in one of the following counties: Allegan, Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren.

The audition music should be a movement of a concerto or composition for solo instrument and orchestra not exceeding ten minutes. It is not necessary to memorize the work for the audition. Advanced vocal students need to discuss repertoire with KSO Director of Education prior to registering for an audition time. Works selected for performance that exceed 7 minutes will require cuts, to be determined in consultation with the student's teacher and the KSO conductor.

Soloists are selected on the basis of musical skill with consideration given to the potential "match" with Youth Concert repertoire and instrumentation. Students can be selected for this opportunity a maximum of two times in non-consecutive years.

Winners will rehearse with the orchestra on Saturday, March 6 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Each winner will perform on one or more concerts during the 2010 Youth Concert Series, which will take place from 9:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on March 8-12, 2010.

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