

APPLICATION DEADLINE - WENESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2009

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Juan R. Ramirez
Artistic Director & Conductor

**RUTH KERN YOUNG
ARTISTS CONCERTO
COMPETITION**

OPEN TO: ALL SYMPHONIC INSTRUMENTS, PIANO, GUITAR, AND VOICE

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

THE COMPETITION

The Atlanta Community Symphony Orchestra Ruth Kern Young Artists Concerto Competition, under the auspices of the Atlanta Music Club, a non-profit organization, is open to all young musicians from the Southeast. The categories are: all symphonic instruments, piano, guitar, and voice.

The competition has three categories, Junior, Senior, and Undergraduate Divisions. The Junior Division is open to applicants 14 years of age and below. The Senior Division is open to applicants 15-18 years of age. The Undergraduate Division is open to undergraduate college students. (See eligibility for Junior, Senior, and Undergraduate Divisions.)

The winners of Atlanta Community Symphony Orchestra Ruth Kern Young Artists Concerto Competition will have the opportunity to perform with the Atlanta Community Symphony Orchestra at its spring concert of the 2008-2009 concert season, scheduled for Sunday, April 19, 2009 at Wieuca Road Baptist Church at 3:30 p.m.

Contestants may prepare any one or all movement(s) of the standard concerto repertoire; Vocalists are required to select two (2) contrasting arias.

ELIGIBILITY

JUNIOR DIVISION:

- 14 years of age and below
- To be eligible, participants must not have reached their 15th birthday by May 7, 2009.

SENIOR DIVISION:

- 15 to 18 years of age
- To be eligible, participants must not have reached their 19th birthday by May 7, 2009.

UNDERGRADUATE DIVISION:

- Current Undergraduate Student
- Must present valid college ID

OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Previous winners of the ACSO—YACC are not eligible to compete within consecutive years.
- The competition is open to all U.S. citizens, legal U. S. residents and students with an INS visa and U.S. residents who are residents of the State of Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, or South Carolina.
- Participants must include a signature of endorsement from their private teacher.

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APPLICATION PROCESS

- A completed printed application form, along with the required enclosures, application fee and preliminary audition CD, must be sent to:

**The Atlanta Community Symphony Orchestra
Ruth Kern Young Artists Concerto Competition
attn: Jeff Daniel, YACC Chair
1485 Marbuet Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30316**

(If using FedEx or UPS, please e-mail ACSO for different instructions.)

- A copy of the applicant's birth certificate, driver's license, driving permit, state identification (or other official document demonstrating the age of the applicant) or a copy of a valid college ID must accompany the application form.
- A copy of the INS status must accompany the application if the applicant holds a student visa.
- A non-refundable application fee of \$35, **PAYABLE TO: THE ATLANTA COMMUNITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**, must be enclosed with the application.
- **NOTE:** An incomplete or illegible application will not be considered.
- **Applications must be postmarked no later than WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2009.**

REPERTOIRE

- All instrumentalists from Junior, Senior, and Undergraduate Division must select the **FIRST OR THIRD MOVEMENT** unless wanting to perform the concerto in its entirety in which case all 3 movements must be played.
- The YACC committee and Music Director reserve the right to determine which movement or if all movements will be performed at the concert if applicant(s) should be named winners.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

- All applicants must submit with the application a preliminary audition CD of their selection(s).
- **CD CASES ONLY** must be clearly marked with the applicant's name, age, address, phone number, instrument, works recorded, and date recorded. **DO NOT LABEL THE ACTUAL CD ITSELF.**
- **The CD itself must NOT be labeled with any information identifying the applicant.**
- Professional-quality recording is suggested but not required.
- CDs will not be returned.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to send CDs via traceable mail and to make copies in case of loss in transit.

FINALS

- Applicants will be notified by e-mail of their acceptance to the finals no later than **Wednesday, February 21, 2009.**
- Finals will be on **Saturday, March 7, 2009** starting at 10:00 a.m. at Northwest Presbyterian Church in Buckhead.
- All finalists are required to play from memory the same selection(s) submitted for Preliminaries on their recording.
- Finals will be judged by a panel of professional musicians, appointed by the Music Director.
- Candidates will be assigned a 15 minute time according to their instrument, and will be required to arrive at least 15 minutes before their audition time. Candidates should be prepared to perform different portions of their selection(s) as requested by the judges.
- Each candidate must provide their own accompanist. (Pianists do **NOT** need an accompanist.)
- The judges' decision is final. Scores and comments will not be made available.
- If no participant qualifies (in one or any division), judges will not be required to nominate a winner.
- Winners will be notified no later than **Wednesday, March 25, 2009.**
- Required Rehearsal and Dress Rehearsal are scheduled for **Tuesday, April 14th** at 7:30 p.m. and **Saturday, April 18th** at 11:00 a.m.

If you have any questions or for more information, please contact us at:
The Atlanta Community Symphony Orchestra, attn: Jeff Daniel, YCC Chair, 1485 Marbuet Avenue,
Atlanta, GA 30316 - Phone: 404.246.1393 Fax: 404.806.0509 or email: acsorch@acsorch.org

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Division (please circle): Junior Senior Undergraduate

Name: _____

Age: _____ Phone # (_____) _____ Applicant Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Instrument: _____ Teacher: _____

Teacher signature of endorsement: _____ Years with current teacher: _____

#of years of private study: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Piece(s) & Movement(s) performed: _____

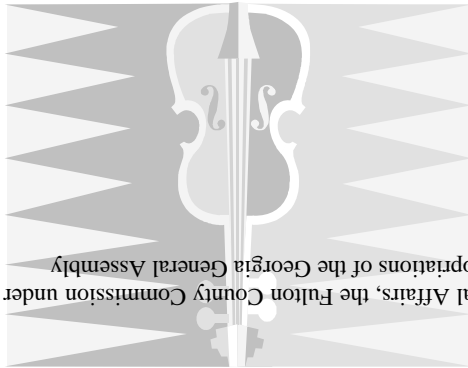
**THIS APPLICATION AND AUDITION CD MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2009.**

**I CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE APPLICATION INFORMATION SUBMITTED HERE IS TRUE AND CORRECT,
AND THAT THE AUDITION CD IS A RECENT AND TRUE RECORDING MADE ONLY BY ME.**

SIGN: _____

DATE: _____

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This program is supported in part by the Atlanta Music Club, the City of Atlanta Bureau of Cultural Affairs, the Fulton County Commission under the guidance of the Fulton County Arts Council, and the Georgia Council for the Arts through appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly.

The Atlanta Music Club is pleased to continue the success of the Atlanta Community Symphony Orchestra Ruth Kern Young Artists Concerto Competition. The Competition is for all symphonic instruments, piano, guitar and voice. All competition winners will perform in concert with the Atlanta Community Symphony Orchestra, directed and conducted by Juan R. Ramirez.

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