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Dear Music Educator,

The Summit Symphony Orchestra has been performing classical music for the greater Summit area for over 50 years. One of its purposes is to provide an opportunity for young artists to perform a concerto or other major work with a symphony orchestra.

The Summit Symphony Orchestra is now accepting applications for its Young Artists Competition. The Competition is open to all New Jersey resident high-school aged music students in Grades 9-12. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept piano soloists; auditions will be limited to orchestral instruments only. Three winners will be selected from this competition, and each will perform one movement of their audition piece with the Summit Symphony Orchestra at our Spring Concert on Sunday afternoon, May 19, 2024.

Auditions for the Competition will be held at a Summit, NJ location. Preliminary auditions will take place on Sunday, February 3, 2024. The second round of auditions for FINALISTS ONLY will take place on Sunday, February 10, 2024.

Applicants should prepare and memorize at least two (2) movements of a concerto, or other major work, from the standard repertoire for a soloist and orchestra. Applicants are expected to bring his or her **own accompanist** to the auditions. Please note that the winning applicants will perform **one movement** from the same piece performed from their audition at the May 2024 concert.

A panel of judges will select the winning soloists. Judges will score applicants on the following points:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> technical ability | <input type="checkbox"/> tone quality   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> musicality        | <input type="checkbox"/> dynamics       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> intonation        | <input type="checkbox"/> stage presence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> phrasing          | <input type="checkbox"/> memorization   |

Applications, along with the \$50.00 non-refundable application fee, must be postmarked no later than January 5, 2024. Auditions will be granted to the first fourteen (14) applications received. All other applications received will be placed on a waiting list.

Your support is important to the success of our competition. We hope you will encourage qualified students to enter. This program provides the performance experience so necessary to a complete music education.

Enclosed you will find an application form and a notice to be posted at your school. Feel free to make copies of this letter and the enclosures. You may also download these documents from the Summit Symphony website at:

**[www.summitsymphony.org](http://www.summitsymphony.org)**

If you require additional information, please contact me at [yac@summitsymphony.org](mailto:yac@summitsymphony.org).

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Blewett".

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