



ECISO Instrumental Competition Guidelines - 2016

1. Previous First Place Prize Winners in an Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra competition are ineligible.
2. Eligibility is restricted to persons born on or after March 12, 1990.
3. Contestant must not be under professional management.
4. A certified copy of the contestant's birth certificate or other proof of age is required with the completed application, available on ECISO's website – ectsymphony.com.
5. **Completed applications must be received in the office on or before MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016 and include a good quality CD** of the competition piece in its entirety. **(Deadline strictly observed.)** CD can be returned if a self addressed stamped mailer is enclosed. CD's must be labeled with the contestant's name, instrument and piece they are prepared to perform.
6. First round is judged through the CD submission. Finalists will be notified by Email or phone on Friday, February 19, 2016. A maximum number of 12 contestants will be selected for the final round.
7. The contestant must appear at the final round at his/her expense. Failure to appear forfeits the contestant's entry fee. Volunteer-hosted housing can potentially be arranged for finalists from outside of the New England area, subject to availability.
8. **Contestant MUST provide his/her own accompanist** and may not participate without one. The contestant will assume any accompanist fees. The Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra office can supply a list of accompanists if you cannot find your own.
9. Works must be those originally written for solo instrument and standard symphony orchestra. Transposition or arrangements are not permitted.
10. The contestant must perform all movements on the CD. The contestant must perform the same concerto at the finals as she/he played on the submitted CD. She/he must perform the same piece with the orchestra should that opportunity arise unless the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra Music Director asks for a substitution. The contestant should be prepared to play any movement or portion of any movement at the direction of the judges. **Contestant must perform from memory. Music will not be allowed.**
11. The first prize winner will receive a cash award of \$3,000 and a possible appearance as guest soloist with the orchestra. Second prize will be a \$1,500 cash award. Third prize will be a \$750 cash award.
12. The decisions of the judges shall be final and accepted by all entrants.

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13. A non-refundable registration fee of \$50 must accompany a completed application.
14. Competition finals are open to the public; therefore appropriate dress is suggested.
15. **Competition finals will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at Evans Hall, Connecticut College, New London, CT, at 1:00pm.**

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