

South Valley Symphony

presents the

Al Navaroli Young Musicians Competition

South Valley Symphony announces this first annual competition for talented young musicians residing in southern Santa Clara county and San Benito county. The 1st place winner of this competition will have the opportunity to perform as soloist with South Valley Symphony during the orchestra's 2008-2009 season.

Rules / Preparation

Residence: All applicants must reside in, or study with a music instructor who resides in, either southern Santa Clara county (Morgan Hill, San Martin, Gilroy) or San Benito County.

Ages: The competition is open to musicians aged 10 thru 18 as of November 15, 2008.

Instruments: All instruments may apply to compete - **except piano**.

Audition Music: Each applicant must choose a concerto written for their instrument from within the standard repertoire. The piece should be orchestrated for either full orchestra, chamber orchestra, or string / woodwind ensemble.

Pre-screening: Along with their application form, each applicant must submit a tape or CD recording of them performing at least one movement from their chosen musical piece. This recording will be used for pre-screening purposes. A maximum of 15 applicants will be chosen as finalists for the actual competition.

Competition

Date & Location: The finalist's competition will be held on Saturday, November 15th, 2008 at a Gilroy location. The actual location and times will be announced in early November.

Accompanist: Each contestant must perform their chosen concerto by memory with an accompanist. Each contestant is responsible for providing their own accompanist for the competition.

Music: Each contestant must provide two copies of their music to the judges on the day of the competition.

Duration: At the competition, each contestant will be allowed a maximum of 15 minutes of performance time.

Judging: A maximum of three winners (1st, 2nd & 3rd place) will be chosen. The judges have the right to choose no winners in the event performance levels do not meet the standards of the competition. The decisions of the judges will be final, and the names of the winners will be announced at the conclusion of the competition.

How to Apply

Application forms: Applications may be downloaded from the Symphony's website at: www.southvalleysymphony.org

Application Fee: Each application must be accompanied by a non-refundable \$ 30 application fee made payable to South Valley Symphony.

Deadline: Applications must be postmarked **not later than October 31, 2008**.

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