

**RENO CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL
COLLEGE CONCERTO COMPETITION
SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017**

COMPETITION RULES

PURPOSE OF COLLEGE CONCERTO COMPETITION

The Reno Chamber Orchestra is devoted to the encouragement of high proficiency in musical performance among student musicians. To this end, the Orchestra has established and maintains an annual competition for college-level instrumentalists, and awards prizes to contest winners.

ELIGIBLE INSTRUMENTS

Applications will be accepted from all standard orchestral instruments, provided the concerto chosen for that instrument can be played by a chamber orchestra. If you have a question about this, please ask before applying.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be full-time college students (graduate or undergraduate) and enrolled in a University of Nevada System college, or Nevada residents enrolled in an out-of-state institution. Competitors may be asked to provide proof of residency and/or enrollment. Past first-prize winners of RCO College Concerto Competitions are ineligible to compete again.

DATE AND PLACE OF COMPETITION

The competition will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2017 (starting time TBA, depending on the number of applicants) at Steinway Piano Gallery at 500 E. Moana Lane in Reno, Nevada. The competition is free and open to the public.

PRIZES

The following cash prizes may be awarded:

First place: \$2,000
Second place: \$1,000
Third place \$500

At the discretion of the judges, the winner of the competition may be invited to perform at a future Reno Chamber Orchestra event. The decision of the judges is final. All applicants will receive written comments from the judges.

ENTRY FEE

A non-refundable \$50 entry fee must accompany the application. Checks should be made payable to: Reno Chamber Orchestra.

ENTRY DEADLINES

Applications, including the \$50 entry fee, must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

Four copies (one of which must be an original for the accompanist) of the applicant's entire concerto (piano accompaniment with solo line is preferred) must be received in the RCO office by April 5, 2017. The copies will be returned to the competitor, or recycled, upon the conclusion of the competition.

The application form, fee of \$50, and copies of music should all be sent to:

Reno Chamber Orchestra
College Concerto Competition
925 Riverside Dr. Ste. 5
Reno, NV 89503

Or they can be dropped off at the RCO office on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

There will be no preliminary round. All applicants will play their concerto only. **MEMORIZATION IS REQUIRED.** The selection must be performable with a chamber orchestra and chosen from the standard repertoire. (If you are not sure whether or not your piece is appropriate for chamber orchestra, please contact the Reno Chamber Orchestra before applying.) **The piece may be no longer than 35 minutes in total duration.** In all cases, the contestant will start at the solo entrance (cutting long orchestral expositions). If the contestant's piece is longer than twenty minutes in duration, the contestant will play according to the following scheme:

8 minutes of the 1st Movement + cadenza
5 minutes of the 2nd Movement
5 minutes of the 3rd Movement

Should the contestant's piece not follow this form (i.e. single movement work, four movement work, cadenza in a movement other than 1st, etc.) a comparably representative portion of the work will be selected. **The participant should be prepared to play the entire concerto. At the discretion of the judges, the contestant may be stopped in mid-performance if time runs over. If a contestant is stopped it is in no way a reflection on his or her playing. The contestant should simply move on to the next movement as directed by the judges.**

ACCOMPANIST

The Reno Chamber Orchestra will provide an accompanist for participants, but you may provide your own.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Applicants are responsible for their own travel to and from the competition.

HOUSING

Free housing is available. Indicate the need for housing on the application form. RCO Board members kindly open their homes to contestants; however, it is necessary for contestants to contact the RCO office (775-348-9413) to confirm reservations by the April 5, 2017 deadline. Otherwise it is assumed the contestant does not need housing.

If you have any further questions regarding the College Concerto Competition, please contact Kati Dayner at 415-722-0250, kati@renochamberorchestra.org, or info@renochamberorchestra.org.

APPLICATION FORM
RENO CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
COLLEGE CONCERTO COMPETITION
Due Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

Name_____Telephone_____

Address_____

Email_____

Sex M___F___ Year in college_____ Age_____

College Attending_____

Instrument_____

Piece you will be performing

List all private teachers with whom you have studied during the past five years.

Repertoire List (You may attach another sheet if necessary.)

Please indicate whether or not you need housing (Circle one). Yes No

If yes, which nights:_____

Contact the RCO office (775) 348-9413 to confirm your reservations one week before arrival.

Housing requests made after April 5, 2017 may not be accommodated.

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