



Rules

A ELIGIBILITY

The Chesapeake Chamber Music Competition is open to acoustic instrumental ensembles. The ensemble must consist of 3 to 5 members. Members must be engaged in study and/or performance and must be pursuing a career in music. On November 30, 2009 the average of the ages of all members of the ensemble shall be less than 31. The ensemble may not have more than one piano.

B APPLICATION

An entry application must be submitted for the ensemble with a postmark no later than November 30, 2009. The application shall identify each member of the ensemble, his or her age on November 30, 2009 and the instrument played. The application shall be accompanied by a payment of \$30 for each ensemble member.

C AUDITION CD

The application must be accompanied by 3 copies of an audition CD of the ensemble. The CD shall have a total playing time of approximately 30 minutes duration and shall contain at least two works of contrasting style and character.

D PERFORMANCE COMPETITION

The applications will be evaluated to select the ensembles that will be invited to participate in a performance competition held before an audience at Easton, Maryland at 1 PM on Saturday, March 27, 2010. Each selected ensemble shall be prepared at the competition to perform a complete program of its choice, provided that the program contains three works of contrasting style and character. While it is anticipated that four or five ensembles will be invited to participate, the number of invitations shall be solely at the discretion of Chesapeake Chamber Music.

E PRIZES

Prizes will be announced at the conclusion of the performances. The Gold Medalist will be awarded the sum of \$10,000 and the Silver Medalist the sum of \$5,000. Additional cash prizes may also be offered. The Gold Medalist will also receive a concert appearance at the Chesapeake Chamber Music Festival on June 11, 2010. Other concert appearances (with additional stipends) may also be awarded for June 12 and 13, 2010.

Prizes may be distributed, divided, or withheld at the discretion of Chesapeake Chamber Music. All prizes are conditioned upon full compliance by the ensemble and each of its members with the Rules of the Competition and all agreements and undertakings hereunder. Cash awards will be distributed no later than June 15, 2010.

F ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Acceptance of the invitation to participate in the performance competition on March 27, 2010 shall constitute agreement by the ensemble and each of its members to the terms of this paragraph F.

1. The ensemble shall participate in the competition on March 27, 2010.
2. The ensemble shall be available on Sunday, March 28, 2010 to offer one complete concert performance of approximately 60 minutes duration and render such performance if requested.
3. If selected to perform at the Chesapeake Chamber Music Festival, the ensemble shall:
 - i. offer such performance on June 11, 2010; and
 - ii. be available on June 12 and 13 to offer additional performances on other concert series if requested.

In addition, the ensemble shall submit, within 10 days of the invitation to participate in the performance competition, a digital photograph and a brief biography of the ensemble and its members. Chesapeake Chamber Music may, without condition or limitation, freely use such materials and any CD submitted with the application and may record any performances at the Chesapeake Chamber Music Festival or weekend of the Competition and shall have full rights of ownership in and use of such recorded performances.

G HOSPITALITY

Chesapeake Chamber Music will, upon request, make arrangements for the housing of participants during the weekend of the performance competition.

H APPLICATION

Application forms and attachments should be mailed to:

Chesapeake Chamber Music Competition
PO Box 461
Easton, MD 21601

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