



MUSCATINE *Symphony Orchestra*

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Dear Colleague and Music Educator,

I hope that you are well and creatively coping with our current pandemic limitations. The Muscatine Symphony Orchestra is proud to announce its Annual Young Artists Competition is still being planned with virtual auditions being held on Sunday, January 24, 2021. Student musicians in grades 9-12 are eligible to participate. One student will be invited to perform his/her solo work in concert at the Performing Arts Center at Central Middle School in Muscatine, Iowa as a part of the Muscatine Symphony Orchestra's MasterWorks IV: "Winterscapes" concert performance on March 13, 2021. There will be scholarship prizes for the winner as well as first and second runners up.

- Applicants must live, attend school, or pursue regular music lessons within 50 miles of Muscatine.
- Each performer must provide his/her own accompanist in order to participate.
- Each performer must provide one (1) scanned [pdf] copy of their music for the judges panel.
- The solo work shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes in total length.
- Announce work to be performed at the beginning of the video recording.
- All recordings should be unedited.
- Video files should be submitted via links to YouTube, Dropbox, Box.com, or other accepted file sharing service.

Teachers, please help your students to confirm that the piece they choose is appropriate for this occasion, and that orchestral accompaniment parts are available.

Deadline for submission of audition materials for the competition is: **January 24 2021**

This my seventeenth season with the Muscatine Symphony Orchestra, and I believe that this event has become an important part of our season(s) and history as an organization. As such, I think it's imperative that our young student musicians still have any and all opportunities to prepare and perform their music in as safe and supportive environments as possible.

I look forward to our "virtual audition day!"

Sincerely,



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