**2020 Caprio Young Artists Competition**

**Presented by the Riverside Symphonia,**

**Mariusz Smolij, Musical Director and Conductor**

**Sunday, May 3, 2020**

**South Hunterdon Regional High School, Lambertville, NJ**

**Application Instructions (pages 1 & 2) and Form (page 3)**

**Eligibility**

The 2020 Caprio Young Artists Competition is open to classical instrumentalists (excluding keyboard), who reside or study in New Jersey, New York or Pennsylvania and will be no older than 22 years of age on Saturday, May 2, 2020.

**Application Requirements**

Each application must include the following to be considered complete:

1. A completed and signed application form.

2. Two letters of recommendation.

3. A photocopy of a government issued identification document (i.e., passport, birth certificate, state issued identification card)

4. A black and white photo of the applicant (high resolution, 300 dpi print)

5. A one paragraph, brief biography of the applicant

6. A non-refundable application fee of $30.00 payable to “The Riverside Symphonia” in the form of a check or money order.

7. **An 8-12 minutes long unedited, live recorded performance by the applicant (audio file only, free of cuts and digital mastering) with no reference to the applicant’s name or image on the recording. This must be a one-take recording only.** The recorded performance will serve as the preliminary round for the competition and may be submitted in any of the following formats: audio CD, or upload to YouTube Private Links (audio file only) or SoundCloud.com. Audio files must be labeled without reference to the applicant’s name, gender, age, school or any other information that could identify the applicant. Selection(s) may be of any of the standard repertoire for the applicant’s instrument scored for soloist and orchestra. Piano accompaniment is acceptable for the recorded audition. **The selection(s) should be those intended for use in the final competition and concert.** The chosen repertoire must have orchestral accompaniment currently available for orchestra. The Riverside Symphonia’s current instrumentation is: strings, woodwinds in pairs, 4 horns, 2 trumpets, and timpani. A small enlargement of this instrumentation may be made on an individual basis at the discretion of the conductor. The recorded performance may include movement(s) of standard concerto, standard virtuosic selection or two short contrasting works, provided that the orchestral setting is available.

**Application Deadline**

**All printed application materials must be postmarked no later than Sunday, March 1, 2020 and mailed to: Caprio Young Artists Competition, Riverside Symphonia, PO Box 650, Lambertville, 08530. Digital audio file links must be emailed to:** [**capriocompetition@gmail.com**](mailto:capriocompetition@gmail.com) **before 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, 2020. Application materials postmarked after Sunday, March 1, 2020 and any audio files received after Sunday, March 1, 2020 will not be accepted.** Each applicant will receive an email confirming receipt of the application package.

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**Judges**

Judges for the preliminary round and final round competition will be distinguished instrumentalists and music professionals, including members of The Riverside Symphonia. Maestro Smolij, Music Director and Conductor, will be one of the judges at the final competition.

**Communication Rules**

Applicants may not contact any member of The Riverside Symphonia or Judging Panel. If any applicant attempts to contact any member of The Riverside Symphonia or Judging Panel, that applicant will be disqualified from the competition. All inquiries must be communicated by email to capriocompetition@gmail.com or call The Riverside Symphonia office: 609-637-7300.

**Preliminary Round**

All “blind” recorded performances will first be judged in private, and finalists will be chosen to perform at the May 3, 2020 competition.

**Finalist Notification**

Each applicant will be notified by **Sunday, March 22, 2020** whether or not they qualify as a finalist for the final live, May 3, 2020 Caprio Young Artists Competition.

**Final Competition**

Finalists will compete in a live, public audition on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at South Hunterdon Regional High School, 301 Mt.Airy-Harbourton Road, Lambertville, NJ 08530. Finalists must provide their own piano accompanist for the final round. If a finalist has studied with, contacted or has personal ties with a judge, the judge will be requested to be disqualified for that finalist. In such a case, the scores of the other judges will be averaged to provide the additional score. Judges will select First, Second and Third Prize winners. **The decision of the judges is final.**

**Prizes**

The First Prize winner will receive a $500 cash prize and must be willing to sign a contract to perform as a guest soloist with The Riverside Symphonia during a regularly scheduled concert in the 2020-2021 season. Upon completion of the performance, the First Prize winner will receive a check for $1,500. Failure to perform as stated in the contract will result in forfeiture of the $1,500. The Second Prize winner will receive a cash prize of $1,000. The Third Prize winner will receive a cash prize of $500. Non-prizewinning finalists will each receive $100.

This program is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts; The Arts & Letters Foundation; and Barbara and Jay Belding.

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Please check each item to confirm you have included:

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Signature of applicant:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If applicant under the age of 18, parent or guardian must sign and print name:

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Signature Printed Name

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This application form may be duplicated.