



Alton Symphony Orchestra

67th Season

31st Annual Marie Stillwell Young Artists' Competition

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Founded in 1945, the Alton Symphony is one of only a few organizations dedicated to the performance of live symphonic music in the southern Illinois region. For sixty six years it has serviced the residents and artists throughout this area and has served as a cultural force, broadening the awareness and importance of the arts in the community, while making itself easily accessible to persons of all ages and backgrounds.

The purpose of the Alton Symphony Orchestra is to supply quality musical programs for an audience and present local musicians the opportunity to play. Our current goal is to enhance the appreciation of fine music in a more diverse audience, develop the appreciation of orchestral music in children, and augment the number of young musicians in the orchestra.

The present symphony season includes four subscription concerts, a children's concert in December, and a Pops fundraiser held in October.

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Marie Stillwell Young Artists' Competition

The Alton Symphony Orchestra takes great pleasure in announcing its 31st^d annual Marie Stillwell Young Artists' Competition, Saturday November 19th, 2011. The intent of the competition is to recognize talented young musicians by providing them with scholarship awards to further their musical education. Winners will have an opportunity to perform with the Orchestra at the April 21st, 2012 concert. Contestants 12 years of age and younger are eligible for the Deborah Fox Guild award.

Competition Awards

Awards will be issued for three categories:

- A) First Place: Cash award of \$500
- B) Second Place: Cash award of \$250
- C) Third Place: Cash award of \$125
- D) Guild Winner: Cash award of \$100

Competition Rules

- Contestants are to be a maximum age of 21 for instrumentalists and 24 for vocalists.
- Contestants are to be full time students.
- Each contestant shall perform first or last movement of any standard concerto or concert piece that has orchestral accompaniment. Vocalists may use standard operatic literature with orchestral accompaniment.
- Contestants shall provide the adjudication panel a copy of the music.
- Audition performance does not have to be memorized; however, contest winners will be expected to perform from memory with the orchestra.
- Contestants are expected to provide their own accompaniment for the auditions. Pianists are to perform with a second piano (orchestral) accompaniment.

- No previous first place winner may compete. Previous second and third place winners may compete, as may Guild winners.
- The winners of the Young Artists' Competition will perform with the orchestra at the discretion of the Music Director, conditional upon the availability of the music selected.

Orchestra rehearsals are Monday evenings in Hatheway Hall on the campus of Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey, IL. Winners must be available to rehearse at the convenience of the Music Director. Rehearsals for the April 21st 2012 concert will begin after the February 26th, 2012 concert. Contestants must bring a picture and short autobiography with them to the audition



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Symphony in the 21st Century

Saturday, October 29, 2011 - 7 pm

We celebrate the symphony in traditional form with the Symphony No. 22 by Haydn, and move into the 21st century with Lee Johnson's Dead Symphony based on the music of the Grateful Dead. Local pianist Sunghie Hinnens performs the popular Piano Concerto No. 1 by Franz Liszt.

Holiday Concert

Saturday, December 10, 2011 - 7 pm

Tchaikovsky's final act of the Nutcracker. The program also will include other holiday favorites and audience sing along! At intermission, the much anticipated annual silent auction of beautiful holiday baskets.

Isn't It Romantic?

Sunday, February 26, 2012 – 3 pm

A romantic evening guaranteed to warm your heart. Dvorak's Symphony No. 8. Pianist Laura Garritson Parker returns, a former winner of the Marie Stillwell Young Artists competition performing the well loved Piano Concerto No. 1 by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

Young Artists Concert

Saturday, April 21, 2012 – 7 pm

Featuring the winners of our Marie Stillwell Young Artists competition. ASO will also perform the Mid America Overture by Robert Chamberlin from Webster University. This work was commissioned by the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America (Scott Air Force Base, Illinois). Additionally, ASO will be joined by the Alton Youth Symphony for a special side-by-side performance.