

The Symphony of Oak Park & River Forest Solo Competition

Saturday, February 23, 2019, 2-5 PM

Applications due 2/16/2019

15th ANNUAL SOLO COMPETITION

The Symphony of Oak Park & River Forest's Solo Competition is open to all musicians who have yet to complete their senior year of high school and whose primary residence is within 10 miles of Oak Park.

Applications are available by contacting
TheSymphonyOPRF@gmail.com
or 708.218.2648.

**The winner receives \$500 and performs with us at our
Sunday, MAY 12, 2019, 4 PM concert at Concordia University.**

'Barton featured in Youth Concert'

This article from the January 29, 1986,
WEDNESDAY JOURNAL
featuring an 11 year-old Rachel Barton (Pine)
when she played the last movement of the
MENDELSSOHN Violin Concerto with us at our
1986 Family Concert.



Rachel Barton

Those who heard the WTTW/Illinois Bell Young Performers Competition broadcast over Channel 11 last May and repeated Dec. 30 had a preview of what to expect from 11-year-old violinist Rachel Barton, who won first place in the Junior Division.

She also placed first in her division in the St. Paul Federal Bank competition and as part of her prize won an appearance as soloist with the Oak Park-River Forest Symphony. She will perform the third movement of the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto at the orchestra's annual free youth concert at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the auditorium of Oak Park-River Forest High School, 201 N. Scoville Av., Oak Park.

Theme for the rest of this concert especially geared to young audiences is "Westward Ho," music with western subjects.



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May 12, 2019 concert and receives a \$500 cash prize.

Open to all musicians who have not completed their senior year of high school at the time of the competition and whose primary residence is within 10 miles of Oak Park.

Contestants must submit a recording of their playing on CD, MP3, or a YouTube link to your performance (5-10 minutes). An excerpt from the concerto to be performed in the competition may be submitted (with or without accompaniment), or a solo piece or pieces may be recorded. Professional recording quality is not required.

You do *not* need to provide the judges with a copy of your music. Finalists will perform one movement of any solo instrumental concerto of their choice (*standard repertory only please*). **You must provide an accompanist to play the piano orchestral reduction.**

- Application Fee: \$25 (non-refundable, must accompany the application).
- *Application deadline: February 16, 2019*
- The competition will be held in Kretzmann Hall at Concordia University in River Forest on Saturday, February 23, 2-5 PM. (Parking structure located at 1124 Bonnie Brae Place, between Division and Thomas Streets in River Forest.)
- **Remember, you must have an accompanist.**
- Please wear concert black to your audition.

Please print and fill out this form. Please include the \$25 application fee and CD, MP3, and/or YouTube link of 5-10 minutes of your playing. **Questions: email TheSymphonyOPRF@gmail.com or call 708/218-2648.**

First name _____ Last name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail address _____

Year in school as of February 23, 2019 _____

Instrument/Voice _____

Composer _____

Title of piece _____

Movement _____

Check # _____

Mail (or drop off) to the Symphony of Oak Park & River Forest,
c/o David Leehey, 819 N. Euclid, Oak Park, IL 60302 by February 16.
You may mail them to him or drop them off.

You may also pay and submit recording online at SymphonyOPRF.org.