

Burlington Chamber Orchestra Concerto/Aria Competition 2019

Eligibility: The Burlington Chamber Orchestra Concerto/Aria Competition is open to Vermont residents, students with a permanent VT address enrolled in an out of state college/university/conservatory and any student currently enrolled in a VT college/university up to 21 years of age (born after May 12, 1997). Residents of neighboring states may apply if their private music teacher is a Vermont resident or if the student is or was a full-time member of Vermont Youth Orchestra or Green Mountain Youth Symphony. Students must have permission from their private instructor to enter the competition. Previous winners of the competition are not eligible.

Guidelines for entering the Competition:

Prepare a concerto or a single movement from a longer concerto that is up to 12 minutes total.

Small exceptions to the length requirement to accommodate a concerto are acceptable, but need to be cleared in advance with BCO Audition Chairperson.

Solo concertos and concertos featuring two or three soloists (i.e. double or triple concertos) are acceptable.

Orchestra instrumentation available is strings(66441), woodwinds, two horns, two trumpets and timpani(2222-2200). Pieces that require additional instruments (trombones, tuba, percussion, etc) are not acceptable.

For the audition, the entire work (meaning movement or entire concerto) must be performed. The audition must be accompanied by a pianist.

Memorization is not required, but is strongly recommended.

The concerto must be approved by the student's private instructor **and** the BCO Audition Chairperson. Advance inquiries by the student's teacher can be made to Betsy LeBlanc (etmleb@gmail.com) and are strongly encouraged.

How to Apply: Application forms can be downloaded from the BCO website: bcovt.org. The deadline to enter the competition is **April 1st, 2019** (postmarked). A \$30 non-refundable entry fee is required. Please make checks payable to "Burlington Chamber Orchestra."

Mail the application form and the entry fee to the address below:

*Betsy LeBlanc **attn. BCO Concerto Competition**
15 Meadowbrook Lane
Saint Albans, VT 05478*

Competition Date: The competition will take place on **Saturday May 4th, 2019** beginning at 12pm at the University of Vermont Recital Hall at Redstone Campus in Burlington. Specific audition times and location will be assigned to entrants in April once all entries have been received.

Performance: One winner will be chosen based on the competition.* The winner will perform with the Burlington Chamber Orchestra on a date TBA in October 2019 or March 2020 in the University of Vermont Recital Hall on the Redstone campus in Burlington under the direction of Artistic Director Dr. Yutaka Kono. The winner must provide BCO with a headshot and bio for the program and be available for the opportunity of possible school visits and media interviews in the 2 to 3 weeks prior to the concert date. The winner will be provided with a quality audio recording of their performance that can be used for personal use only with permission from the BCO Musician's Committee.

Prize: The winner will receive a \$500 prize. If a double or triple concerto entry is selected as the winner, the prize money will be divided.

** The BCO audition committee reserves the right to **not** choose a winner if, in the committee's opinion, no one auditions at the artistic level necessary to perform as a soloist with the orchestra.*