

**The Rhodes Competition
Student Solo Concerto
Springfield Symphony Orchestra
2018-2019**

1. Eligibility Requirements:

a. Residency*:

- i. Students who reside in Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut **or**
- ii. 2018-2019 members in good standing of the Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestra

b. Age: 8-18

c. Instrument: We encourage all instruments to audition.

d. Private Study: All students will have had private instruction as of the date of the competition, certified by their private instructor.

e. Previous winners of the Rhodes Competition are not eligible to compete.

2. Application Requirements:

a. Completed Application package must be postmarked/scanned and emailed by **December 16, 2018**

b. Completed Application Package* will include the following:

- i. \$15 non-refundable application fee (payable to SSO)
- ii. Completed Rhodes Competition Application Form
- iii. Photocopy or scan of proposed piece for pre-screening. No recording required.

*Application Packages become the property of the SSO and will not be returned.

3. Repertoire:

a. Applicants may perform any standard concerto of their choice pending pre-screening.

b. Applicants must provide their own accompanist.

c. Audition Repertoire performed by memory is preferred.

d. The selected piece must be **no longer than 7 minutes**. Cuts to the music are acceptable and encouraged. The SSO reserves the right to make additional cuts, if necessary.

4. Selection Process:

a. All applicants will undergo a pre-screening process, providing a copy of the proposed piece.

b. The number of finalists will be determined by the SSO.

c. The SSO will notify competition finalists by email.

d. Finalists must be available for the competition on **January 29, 2019** and the snow-alternate competition date of **January 30, 2019** at Community Music School of Springfield.

e. The SSO assigns all audition times. Finalists must be present at their assigned audition time.

f. Competition winner will be selected by Kevin Rhodes, and will be notified via phone or email the week of the competition.

g. The competition is open to the public, based on the criteria listed in Part 1.

h. Winner must be available for rehearsal with the SSO on **Monday evening, April 29, 2019 (time TBD)**.

5. Award:

- a.** One winner will be selected to perform with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra in Springfield Symphony Hall at the SSO Education Connection Youth Concert on **April 30, 2019**. Concert times are 9:45am and 11:20am.

*residents of NY, VT, and NH in close proximity to Springfield will be determined appropriate on a case by case basis

Rhodes Competition Application Form
Springfield Symphony Orchestra
2018-2019 Season

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____ Age: _____
Number Street

City State ZIP Phone: _____

School: _____ Grade (if applicable): _____

Instrument: _____ Years of Study: _____

Audition Piece: _____
Composer Title

To be completed by Private Music Instructor

I, _____, hereby certify that this student has completed _____ years of private study on _____
Printed Name of Private Instructor student instrument
and that the student is eligible and prepared to participate in the Competition and perform as a soloist with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra in Springfield Symphony Hall.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

To be completed by Parent/Guardian of Students age 17 or younger

I have read the Competition guidelines and understand that the Student will be disqualified if the guidelines are not met. I understand that it is the Student's responsibility to provide an accompanist if selected for the Competition, and that the decision of the Competition's jury is final.

Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____
Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature: _____ Date: _____

To be complete by the Student

I have read the Competition guidelines and understand that I will be disqualified if the guidelines are not met. I understand that it is my responsibility to provide an accompanist if selected for the Competition, and that the decision of the Competition's jury is final.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 16, 2018

Mail/scan and email completed application, \$15 non-refundable application fee (payable to SSO), and a copy of your proposed music to for pre-screening to:

Springfield Symphony Orchestra
Rhodes Competition
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Springfield, MA 01103
Or

klipkens@springfieldsymphony.org