

December 10, 2011

Dear Colleague,

Arizona Musicfest is pleased to invite your qualified students to enter the eleventh annual *Young Musicians Competition*.

The Competition was established to recognize the outstanding talents of young musicians. Monetary prizes will be awarded to division winners and runners-up. In addition, several winners and honorable mention musicians will be invited to perform at Arizona Musicfest's *Young Artists Concert* in November 2012 as well as other performance venues.

The enclosed *Rules Brochure* contains all needed information. Also enclosed is a *Competition Application Form* that you may copy if you need additional forms. The application fee remains \$7 for soloists; ensembles pay \$7 for the entire group. If several of your students would like to enter, you may collect the applications/fees, and send them all to Musicfest in one package. **Important: Both sides of the Application Form must be completed. Incomplete Application Forms will be returned.**

The Competition Schedule is:

Preliminary Competition -- Saturday, March 17, Div. 2 and 3
Sunday, March 18, 2012, Div. 1 and 4
Finals Competition -- Sunday, March 25, 2012

Because of scheduling complexity and in fairness to the judges and other competitors, the dates of the Preliminary Competition are fixed. There may be some flexibility *within* Divisions, depending upon the number of competitors. If you have a student with a special request regarding schedule, please indicate this on his/her Application.

The Competition will be held at Desert Foothills Lutheran Church, located at 29305 N. Scottsdale Road (480.585.8007). Enclosed is a map to the site. Parents, friends of the musicians, and the public are cordially invited to attend the Finals Competition on Sunday, March 25, 2012.

We look forward to your participation. Please call the *Arizona Musicfest* office (480.488.0806) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Pat Cohen and Irene O'Hare
Young Musicians Competition Co-Chairs