



2009 Mary & Lucian Cassetta Music Scholarship Competition

The Anchorage Symphony Orchestra is proud to once again extend an invitation to south central area high school music students to participate in the annual Mary and Lucian Cassetta Music Scholarship Competition. This year's competition will be held on Tuesday, April 14th, beginning in the late afternoon at the Sydney Laurence Theatre of the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts.

Mary Cassetta was a trained musician and professional vocalist, and her dedication to music was expressed through her twenty years of work with Anchorage music organizations. These included the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra, Alaska Festival of Music and the Anchorage Concert Association. Mary knew how important it is for young musicians to have the opportunity to develop their talents, and she became more aware of this after receiving a music scholarship to the Chicago School of Music.

Following her death, the Mary Cassetta Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in order to encourage the development of talent in young Alaskans. The scholarship title was changed to include Mary's husband Lucian who passed away in 1995.

Application Process:

The competition is open to high school **SENIORS** who display talent, dedication to music and a serious commitment to an advanced study program in a recognized music school or music camp. Competition is open to both instrumentalists and vocalists.

Competition applicants must provide the following:

- A completed application (enclosed)
- A recommendation from the individual's music instructor on the degree of the student's commitment submitted separately to the scholarship committee.

Mail Applications and Recommendations to:

Mary & Lucian Cassetta Memorial Scholarship Committee
Anchorage Symphony Orchestra
400 D Street, Suite 230
Anchorage, AK 99501

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY March 25, 2009!

Selection Process:

The selection process will include an audition and a short oral interview. The competition will be held in the Sydney Laurence Theatre, ACPA. After the deadline for submitting applications, applicants will be notified regarding audition times. The audition must include at least two contrasting pieces (in tempo as well as in style; must be two different composers), should not exceed 10 minutes and is not limited to classical music choices. The applicants should be reminded their selection of instrument and pieces cannot be changed after the application deadline. Three judges from the local music community will hear auditions. The interview with the judges will immediately follow the audition.

The Award:

The \$1,000 scholarship will be paid directly to a school or appropriate source to cover tuition, musical instruction or other direct musical expenses. In addition to the scholarship, the selected student is invited to perform in a recital hosted by the Anchorage Concert Chorus on the evening of Saturday, May 16th, which will feature music scholarship winners from other local competitions.

Please provide copies of the enclosed application to eligible and deserving students. If you need further information about the competition, please phone Renée Bourgeois at the ASO office – 274-8668 or email her at aso@ak.net.

Thank you!

Sherri Burkhart Reddick
Executive Director
Anchorage Symphony Orchestra

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Application Form

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Instrument: _____ High School: _____

Do you have a school music instructor? If yes, name: _____

Do you have a private music instructor? If yes, name: _____

Describe your music background (private instructors, school ensembles, etc.) You may use additional paper if needed: _____

Please state your music goals: _____

How will the scholarship funds be used? If University/College – which one? What are you studying?

Please list the two contrasting pieces (in tempo as well as style; must be two different composers)

you will perform - title and composer: _____

Please note: your listed instrument and pieces cannot be changed after the application deadline.

Accompanist's Name (accompanist not required): _____

Competitors must provide their own accompaniment. No taped music will be allowed.

If chosen as the 2009 Competition winner, would you be able to perform in a recital on May 16th, featuring other Anchorage Music Scholarship winners? Circle one **YES** **NO**

Your school or private music instructor must send a letter of recommendation separately to the Committee. Please send the application and letter of recommendation to:

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