

It is with great pleasure that the  
**Newark Symphony Orchestra**  
announces its annual  
**Betsy L. Kent Concerto Competition**



A high school and college winner will be selected. Both will be awarded a \$400 honorarium, and will perform with the Newark Symphony Orchestra in March or May 2021.

### Participant Criteria

1. Age as of December 31, 2019:
  - High school student age 13-18
  - College student (instrumentalist) under the age of 25
  - College student (vocalist) under the age of 29
2. Contestants must sing or perform on a string, wind, or percussion instrument or on piano.
3. Contestants must be permanent residents or full-time students in the state of Delaware, Chester and Delaware Counties in Pennsylvania, or Cecil County in Maryland. Applicants not meeting residence requirements will be considered if they study with a Delaware resident.
4. Contestants must supply a digital copy of an original piano score with their application for use by the judges.
5. Contest winners must be able to commute to required rehearsals at the Independence School in Newark, Delaware.

A non-refundable fee of \$40 must accompany each application. Make checks payable to:  
Newark Symphony Orchestra  
Or pay online at [newarksymphonyorchestra.org](http://newarksymphonyorchestra.org)

### Repertoire Selection

- Contestants must be prepared to perform a complete work for solo instrument and orchestra (single movement works are acceptable)
- It is permissible to audition with one movement of a concerto. However, full works are preferred.
- Vocalists must be prepared to perform a program of at least 15 minutes of operatic arias from standard repertoire.
- Memorization is not required, but is preferred.
- If the rental cost of the orchestral parts cost more than \$400, the soloist is responsible for the remaining balance.

### Registration Information

Application Deadline:

**October 15, 2020**

Application forms are available at  
[www.newarksymphony.org](http://www.newarksymphony.org)

Due to COVID-19, this year's auditions for the Betsy L. Kent Concerto Competition will take place via **video submissions**. Given the current circumstances, hiring an accompanist for video auditions is recommended but not required. Video submissions can be sent via dropbox, Google drive, or as an unlisted Youtube link to Mrs. Carolyn Fuhrman at [carrie@fuhrman.org](mailto:carrie@fuhrman.org) before the first of November. In the event of disrupted season programming, the orchestra will not be able to reschedule concerto performances. Honorariums will still be awarded in full to both winners.

For additional information check [www.newarksymphonyorchestra.org](http://www.newarksymphonyorchestra.org)