It is with great pleasure that the

NEWARK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



announces its annual

Betsy L. Kent Concerto Competition

Competition to be held Saturday, November 5th, 2022, 1:00-5:00 PM.

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 2023.

Participant Criteria

- 1. Age as of December 31, 2022:
 - 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 at least one original piano score for use by the judges.
- 5. Contest winners must be able to commute to required rehearsals at the Independence School in Newark, Delaware.

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 10, 2022

Application forms are available at https://newarksymphony.org/concerto-competitions/

A **non-refundable fee of \$40** must accompany each application. Make checks payable to:

Newark Symphony Orchestra

or payable online at newarksymphonyorchestra.org

Auditions will be held on Saturday, November 5th, 2022, 1:00-5:00 PM at:

The Music School of Delaware 4101 Washington Street Wilmington, DE 19802

For additional information, check <u>www.newarksymphonyorchestra.org</u> or contact Thomas R. Rocek <u>rocek@udel.edu</u> with questions.