

THE FRIENDS OF MUSIC OF BETHLEHEM
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Discovering Excellence in Young Musicians

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Dear Colleague:

It is my privilege to invite you to submit students for FOM's annual competition to choose the Outstanding Young Artist of the Lehigh Valley.

Individual performers who wish to audition **must be prepared to present a 25-minute recital of music selected from the standard repertoire should they win the audition.** If chosen as a winner, they MUST perform to receive the monetary award. Memorization is strongly encouraged, but not required. A short encore should also be available. Competitors must provide their own accompanists.

Applicants must submit an Audition Application. An application fee of \$15 payable to *Friends of Music* is also required. Deadline for applications is **January 15, 2015** (postmarked by that date).

Auditions will be held in the morning of Saturday, January 24, 2015, at Peter Hall, Moravian College, Bethlehem. I will schedule the time of the student's audition upon receipt of the application.

Competitors may not be over 19 years of age (vocalists not over 20) and must reside or study in Lehigh or Northampton County. For the audition, competitors should be prepared to perform any of the selections chosen for the recital. Teachers need not be a member of FOM (however you are most welcome to join). The winner(s) will be presented in a formal public recital at 3:00 pm, **Sunday, April 19, 2015**, at Wesley United Methodist Church, Center Street, Bethlehem. The winner will receive a cash award of \$500. In the event of a tie, the judges may recommend a joint recital with shorter playing times and the prizes divided accordingly. The winner(s) must perform to receive the monetary award.

The judges may choose to give no award if, in their opinion, no competitor is considered qualified. The decision of the judges will be final. All competitors receive written evaluations from the judges.

Send application materials and the \$15 check postmarked no **later than January 15:**

Sara George

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If you have any questions, please call me during office hours at 610-437-6000, x2101 or email me at primrose40@aol.com or check our FOM website: www.friends-of-music.org.

Yours in music,

Sara George, OYA Competition Chair