

## **One Thousand Reasons to Enter the Brazosport Symphony Orchestra Young Artists Competition**

Lake Jackson, Texas (January 17, 2018) The Brazosport Symphony Orchestra (BSO) is looking for young musicians to participate in its Young Artists Competition and will award \$1,000.00 to the winner. The contest is an annual event that gives ambitious musicians the opportunity to audition before a panel of expert judges and for the winner, perform with the Brazosport Symphony Orchestra. “As conductor and educator, I always look forward to this competition and am always pleased to see so many young people perform at such high levels,” said BSO conductor Dr. John Ricarte.

Applications for those who are interested are available on the Brazosport Center for the Arts and Sciences web site (<http://bcfas.org/bso-young-artist-competition-2/>) or can be picked up from the Center in person. The Brazosport Center for the Arts and Sciences is located at 400 College Blvd., Clute, Texas. The Center can be reached by phone at 979-265-7661.

### **Criteria for Entrants**

The applicant must be high school age, play an instrument (string, brass, wind, percussion, vocal, or piano) and be registered at school in Brazoria County or enrolled in an accredited home school. A non-refundable fee of \$25.00 must accompany the application. Only those who have submitted the completed form and fee will be able to audition. The deadline for applications is Friday, February 2, 2018. Applicants must attend the auditions in the afternoon of February 11, 2018 beginning at 1:00 PM at The Clarion Choir Room located on the campus of Brazosport College. (Specific times will be assigned).

### **Audition Details**

Contestants will present a prepared selection lasting not more than 12 minutes to demonstrate talent and overall ability. The contestant must perform with piano or other accompaniment provided at his or her expense. Memorization is optional. Orchestral music of the prepared selection must be easily and reasonably financially available in order for the winner to be able to perform with the orchestra. “This may sound a bit onerous, but we encourage the musicians and singers to pick something accessible,” Ricarte said. “We understand the desire to be and play something unique but at the same time the orchestra must be able to afford to rent the arrangements. We appreciate the understanding.”

The winner will perform with the BSO on Saturday April 7, 2018 inside the Clarion on the campus of Brazosport College. For tickets to this and all BSO concerts go to: <http://prod1.agileticketing.net/websales/pages/list.aspx?epguid=9cc97b09-90ce-4e7f-9616-0766b3a83808>.