

December 17, 2004

Dear Colleague:

Enclosed you will find information regarding the *Music Student Artist Competition* to be held during the **2005 FCCAA. Winter Music Symposium**. Again this year the symposium will be hosted by Florida State University in Tallahassee and will begin at noon on Thursday, January 27 and will conclude Saturday afternoon, January 29, 2005. The *Music Student Artist Competition* will take place on Thursday afternoon. Audition will take place every 12 minutes, so each entrant will perform for 8-10 minutes. Competition winners will be featured in the Friday evening concert.

The following forms are enclosed: *Music Student Artist Competition* Rules and Procedures, Competition Application Form, and Student Eligibility Form. I am also enclosing a copy of the separate requirements for the Jazz Soloist Category (be aware that this can be any instrument or voice). Repertoire guidelines for the other categories (brass, keyboard, percussion, classical guitar, strings, woodwinds, and voice) are listed on the *Music Student Artist Competition* Rules. Please feel free to copy additional forms if you need them. All students participating in the *Music Student Artist Competition* must complete and sign an Application Form (both sides). They must also be listed on the eligibility form that is filled out for all students attending the Symposium. **Faculty representatives must submit the eligibility form(s) signed by the appropriate school officials upon registration at FSU.**

An accompanist will be provided if necessary but it is recommended that each student provide his/her own accompanist if possible. **If an accompanist from FSU is needed, please follow the following procedures:**

1. Contact Carolyn Bridger at FSU directly at cbridger@mailers.fsu.edu to arrange for an accompanist.
2. Deadline is Friday, January 14th to request an accompanist.
3. Include repertoire titles in e-mail. If music is from the standard repertoire, it is not necessary to mail copies to Ms. Bridger. If it is outside the standard repertoire, contact Ms. Bridger about getting the music to her.

Please encourage your students to participate. There always seems to be at least one area that is underrepresented each year. Besides the \$1,000 scholarship, the *Music Student Artist Competition* is an excellent opportunity to prepare for future auditions. As this is sponsored by FCCAA and FASM, it is recommended that students who audition be those who are seriously considering completing a music degree at a Florida university or college. Remember that each school may enter up to two (2) students in each category, so send your brightest and best.

All applications must be returned to me by Tuesday, January 18th (Monday is MLK day). If you will need an accompanist, please contact FSU by Friday, January 14th. I'm happy to accept

the form either by fax, e-mail (they are in Word format and can be filled out directly and sent back as attachments), or snail-mail.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I hope that your semester has concluded on a joyous note.

Sincerely,

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