

**University of MO-St. Louis
Department of Music
Young Artist Competition
Guidelines 2017**

PARTICIPANTS:

- Full-time undergraduate music majors at UM-St. Louis
- Have been making satisfactory progress towards the degree program. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required.

MUSIC: *Applied instructors should confirm the programming feasibility of the repertoire with the conductor of the University Orchestra or Symphonic Band.*

- One movement of a solo selection with orchestra accompaniment of approximately 10-20 minutes of length.
- Pieces for small ensembles will be considered by Professor Aquino on a case by case basis.
- *Memorization is required in all divisions.* The only exception is for works that are traditionally performed with score, such as solo works with multiple performers (e.g. Beethoven: Triple Concerto, Mozart: Sinfonia Concertante, etc.)

PRELIMINARY ROUND: To be completed within each area by **November 15, 2017.**

Each area (voice, strings, piano, winds, brass and percussion) will schedule a round to be completed by Wednesday, Nov. 15 in order to choose up to 3 finalists. *Areas are encouraged to send only the highest level performers to the final round.*

**FINAL ROUND: November 17, 11:30-1:30pm, Lee Theater
(This round will be open to the public.)**

- Finalists must perform from memory with piano accompaniment.
- Two copies of the score, with cuts marked, must be provided for the judges at the finals.
- Judges for the finals will be highly respected professionals not affiliated with UMSL as instructors nor who have been the private teacher of any finalist.

YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION WINNERS:

- Decision of the judges is final. The number of winners will be determined by the ensemble directors.
- Winner(s) will perform on the March 2018 concert with the appropriate UMSL ensemble.
- All programming decisions will be at the discretion of the ensemble conductor.

UMSL Young Artist Competition Committee:

Joanna Mendoza, Chair
Arianna Quartet, Associate Professor of Music (Viola)

Darwin Aquino
Director of UMSL Orchestra

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Director of UMSL Bands

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Arianna String Quartet, Assistant Professor of Music (Violin)

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