

2011-2012 YOUTH SOLOIST COMPETITION

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ON THE PRIZES

First Place: Solo performance with The Ridgewood Concert Band on Friday, May 11, 2012 and \$1,000 scholarship award

Second Place: \$500 scholarship award

Third Place: \$250 scholarship award

ON ELIGIBILITY

The 2011 - 2012 Ridgewood Concert Band Youth Soloist Competition is open to United States citizens and legal non-citizens who are full-time high school students residing in the following counties: Morris, Bergen, Passaic, Sussex, Hudson, Essex, Union & Rockland.

ON THE ENTRY PROCESS

Entering the RCB YSC is a two-step process.

- Students must submit a typewritten letter with applicant's name, instrument, address, telephone number, school, grade, e-mail address and a \$25 entrance fee (check made payable to Ridgewood Concert Band, Inc.) postmarked by January 30, 2012.

- Students must then submit a recording of their piece on audio, cassette tape or compact disc postmarked by February 28, 2012.

Accompaniment is not necessary for preliminary

audition recordings. All entry forms and recordings must be mailed to:

RCB Youth Soloist Competition C/O Jane Rondin, 9 Myrtle Avenue, Butler, New Jersey 07405

ON THE COMPETITION PROCESS

The finalists will be chosen March 6th, 2012, and will be notified by phone and email, then by mail if necessary. Finals will be held in on the morning of March 25, 2012. (site to be determined) Please check the website www.ridgewoodband.org for updates.

Accompaniment at finals is required. The winners will receive their scholarships and the first place winner will perform with the RCB at the May 11, 2012 concert.

ON THE RIDGEWOOD CONCERT BAND

The Ridgewood Concert Band is a volunteer concert band based in Ridgewood, New Jersey. This internationally recognized band consists of instrumentalists from all walks of life, and includes retired members of professional orchestras such as the New York Philharmonic. Led by Music Director Dr. Christian Wilhjelm, the band performs a varied

repertoire from pops to transcriptions and from traditional band literature to world premiers of new music. In addition, the group has had the privilege of performing with such soloists as Joseph Alessi, Philip Smith, Phillip Myers, and Joseph Robinson from the New York Philharmonic as well as David Krauss from the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra.

REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS

Candidates are to perform a piece of appropriate standard with band accompaniment e.g. a Region Band piece or a piece of similar difficulty. Please consult with teachers or our committee if you are unsure of accompaniment availability.

IMPORTANT DATES

2012

January 30 – entry form and fee deadline

February 28 – recording deadline

March 6 – finalists notified

March 25 – live final auditions

May 11 – RCB concert, scholarships awarded; first place winner performs with RCB

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