



General Information

2009-2010 CSA Sinfonia Concerto Competition – revised 10/7/09

The CSA Sinfonia Concerto Competition of the NIU Community School of the Arts is open to instrumentalists 18 years and younger who live in Illinois within a 75-mile radius of DeKalb. Auditions will take place on **November 30** * in the Recital Hall of the Music Building of Northern Illinois University in DeKalb **beginning at 5:00 p.m.** *

*new date and time

Rules and regulations:

- Music to be performed at the audition must be one movement of a standard solo concerto or an appropriate one-movement composition. All music is subject to approval by the music director of the CSA Sinfonia.
- All selections must be memorized.
- The time limit for auditions is eight minutes. This rule will be strictly enforced and exceptions will not be allowed. If the concerto is longer than eight minutes, you may either make cuts or end the piece at an appropriate place within the time limit. If you make cuts, be sure to note them in the judges' music.
- Bring the music (original, not a copy) to the audition for the judges.
- All auditions must be performed with accompaniment. Each contestant is responsible for his or her own accompanist. You may call the office for a list of pianists who might be available to provide accompaniment.
- Once a musician has won the CSA Concerto Competition, he or she may not compete again on the same instrument.
- The winner performs with the **CSA Sinfonia** at the Concert Hall in the NIU Music Building in DeKalb, usually at the winter (February) concert.
- The winner will receive a prize of \$200.00, to be presented at the concert.
- All applications should be received no later than **November 2** and should include a \$35.00 entry fee (check made payable to *Northern Illinois University*). Each application must be completed by both the student and a music teacher who is recommending the student.
- All correspondence and the application form should be sent to:

NIU Community School of the Arts
Northern Illinois University
1425 W. Lincoln Hwy.
DeKalb, IL 60115

We look forward to receiving your application. You will receive an assigned audition time by November 16. Attach a note to your application form if you have time restrictions on the day of the auditions and we will do our best to accommodate you. However, once the schedule is announced, changes may not be possible. If you have any questions, contact Deborah Booth, Director, NIU Community School of the Arts by email at dbooth@niu.edu or phone (815) 753-1450, or Sinfonia conductor Linc Smelser at cellincoln@aol.com, phone (815) 753-1450) 758-4158.



Application Form CSA Sinfonia Concerto Competition

Name of Student _____ Instrument _____

Student Address _____

Student Phone _____ E-mail: _____

Age/Grade _____ / _____ School Name and Town _____

Names of current and past teachers _____

Composition and movement _____

Composer _____

Approximate length (8 minutes maximum) _____

MUSIC TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

I recommend the above-named student for consideration to compete in the Concerto Competition of the CSA Sinfonia. I have read the regulations and have made the student aware of them.

Name _____ Position _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Signed _____ Date _____

This form and a \$35.00 for check (payable to *Northern Illinois University*) for the entry fee must be received no later than November 2, to: NIU Community School of the Arts, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, 60115. Questions: Phone (815) 753-1450.