



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Community School of the Arts

College of Visual and Performing Arts

General Information 2019-2020 CSA Sinfonia Concerto Competition

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 11** in the Recital Hall of the Music Building of Northern Illinois University in DeKalb **beginning at 6:00 p.m.** The receipt deadline for applications is **OCTOBER 21.**

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 May concert.
- The winner will receive a prize of \$200.00, to be presented at the concert.
- All applications should be received no later than **October 21** 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
College of Visual and Performing 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 soon after the deadline for applications. Attach a note to your 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 the office at (815) 753-1450.



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Application Form 2019-2020 CSA Sinfonia Concerto Competition

Name of Student _____ Instrument _____

Student Address _____

Student Phone _____ Email _____

Age/Grade _____ / _____ School Name and Town _____

Names of current and past teachers _____

Composition and movement _____

Composer _____

Approximate length (8 minutes maximum) _____

Name of local paper/s _____

Parents' names _____

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 rules and regulations for this competition and have made the student aware of them.

Name _____ Position _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Send this form and a \$35.00 for check (payable to *Northern Illinois University*) for the entry fee to: NIU Community School of the Arts, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Northern Illinois University, 1425 W. Lincoln Hwy, DeKalb, IL, 60115.

Questions: Phone (815) 753-1450 or email Joshua Anderson at janderson17@niu.edu. **Receipt deadline: October 21.**

Date of audition: November 11.