



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

23rd Annual Young Artists Debut! Van Buren Competition & Concerto Concert March 30, 2017 –7:30 pm

Question: Does it matter who my teacher is or where I have studied?

Answer: No, as long as they expect the highest level of performance excellence from you, and you expect it from yourself.

Question: Does it matter what piece I play?

Answer: Whatever you play, be sure you can play it VERY well. All other things being equal, sometimes the piece makes a difference and sometimes not. Choose a piece you love to play and can play extraordinarily well. The more mature the piece and/or the artistry demonstrated in performance, the more likely it is that a player will be moved forward in the competition.

Question: What is most important to know about this competition?

Answer: That you prepare and practice with great attention to detail, precision and artistry, and you perform in a manner that shows this. This entire program is designed to be an EDUCATIONAL experience in the end.

Question: If I don't win a spot on the performance, does it mean the people who did are better than I am, if I play the same instrument, or are they somehow a better overall musician?

Answer: Difficult to answer...but they perhaps left a better overall impression musically on one person (the judge), and one person only, on this one day...the day of the audition. Tomorrow, you might do the same! Remember, this is a very subjective business. Just come and do your very best and don't worry about the rest.

IMPORTANT: If you are open to the challenge of digging deeply into a piece of music, discovering what is truly there, and expressing yourself to an audience, then by all means, this is the competition for you! You must want to learn something from the experience of pushing yourself to greater achievement, and learn something more about music, composers, and artistry...you might not enjoy the three-month process that follows the audition leading up to the performance.

Entries must be received by November 30, 2016. Finalists will be notified by email by December 14, 2016.

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