The Kearney Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition (KSOYAC) seeks to cultivate and promote emerging musical talent from Nebraska and its surrounding states—Iowa, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Wyoming, and South Dakota. It provides a regional opportunity for students’ achievements to be recognized with prizes and performance opportunities, including the possibility of a solo performance with KSO.

**DATE**

The competition will be held on **Saturday, April 15, 2017** at the University of Nebraska – Kearney Fine Arts Building.

**PRIZES**

In this third year of the competition, it will be open to pianists and players of string instruments, namely violin, viola, cello, and bass. There are separate categories of prizes for piano and strings with a grand prize awarded at the discretion of the jury.

**Grand Prize** – Solo performance with the KSO during 2017-18 season  
*Awarded at the discretion of the jury to a recipient of a monetary prize*

**Strings Division**
- First Prize - $800  
- Second Prize - $500  
- Third Prize - $300

**Piano Division**
- First Prize - $800  
- Second Prize - $500  
- Third Prize - $300

Funding may be available to help defray the travel cost for the Grand Prize Winner associated with their performance with KSO.

**Jury Members**

- **Ting-Lan Chen**, Professor of Violin/Viola – UNK  
- **Noah Rogoff**, Associate Professor of Cello/Bass – UNK  
- **TBA**
**Prizewinner’s Concert**

All prize recipients must perform their piece (or a selected movement thereof) for a public concert in the afternoon on the day of the competition.

**Performer Qualifications**

Applicants to the competition must meet the following conditions:

- Be no younger than 13 and no older than 18 on the date of the competition
- Have never previously won a first prize or the grand prize of the KSOYAC
- Perform on piano, violin, viola, cello, or bass
- Compete with repertoire for which orchestral parts are available
- Play with piano accompaniment
- Not yet be a high-school graduate
- Not have studied privately with a jury member in the past year
- Provide proof of residency in Nebraska or one of its bordering states
- Have a Social Security Number (ensures payment of prize winnings)
- Pay the application fee of $15 – postmark deadline of **March 20, 2017**
- Compete with a complete work (or complete movement from a work) that is at least eight minutes long
Hearney Symphony Orchestra:

Young Artist Competition

APPLICATION – email/postmark deadline of March 20, 2017

NAME: ____________________________ NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: ______________________

INSTRUMENT: ________________________ AGE on April 15, 2017: ________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS: ____________________ TELEPHONE NUMBER: _________________________

MAILING ADDRESS: _________________________________________________________________
Street                                              City                  State                  ZIP code

SELECTION to be performed: ___________________________________________________________

(Give composer name, title of work, title of movement & publisher)

NAME OF SCHOOL currently attending: ____________________________
NAME OF PRIVATE TEACHER: ______________________________________

Check the following boxes to indicate that you agree to the following conditions of participation.

☐ I am a resident of Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Kansas, or Missouri.
☐ I have not previously been awarded a first or grand prize by KSOYAC.
☐ I will be between the ages of 13 & 18 years on the date of the competition.
☐ I will not yet be a high-school graduate on the date of the competition.
☐ I will bring two copies of the solo part for the jury.
☐ I have not studied privately with a jury member in the past year.
☐ I will perform with piano accompaniment.
☐ I will perform at a prizewinner’s concert on the date of the competition if I am awarded a prize.
☐ I will pay the required $15 application fee with postmark deadline of March 20, 2017.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: ____________________________ DATE: ________________
**Fee Submission**

Your application fee of $15 must be postmarked by **March 20, 2017**. Please make it payable to UNK Music and send it to:

UNK Music  
c/o KSOYAC  
2506 12th Avenue  
Kearney, NE 68849

**Recommended Accompanist Contact List**

Competitors must perform with piano accompaniment. You may bring your own accompanist (recommended) or arrange for a local accompanist. Warm-up time/rehearsal time at the Fine Arts Building will be provided according to a schedule on the day of the competition.

You will negotiate the accompanist’s fee with them; KSOYAC does not pay for accompanists.

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**Dr. Ruth Moore**  
Please contact the UNK Music Office  
music@unk.edu

**Ann Bauer**  
(308) 390 8431 – cellphone  
(308) 893 2707 – home

If you are having difficulties finding an accompanist,  
please contact Dr. Rogoff: rogoffnt@unk.edu