

MUSIC AWARDS FOR PERFORMANCE OF CLASSICAL MUSIC

Sponsor and Purpose

The Volunteer Committee of the Kingston Symphony Association sponsors a program of music awards annually to recognize and encourage the development of excellence in young performers studying symphony orchestra instruments.

The Awards

The awards which compose the program include the:

- Allan–Jack Memorial Award of \$1,500 to the most outstanding musician among all applicants. The winner of the award becomes ineligible for further prizes.
- Bonnie J. Thomas Award of \$500 to the most deserving stringed instrument player. This prize may be won once.
- Hannah Robertson Memorial Award comprised of two prizes totalling \$500. This may be awarded to two youth players 16 years or less at the discretion of the adjudicators.
- Harriet Scott Memorial Award of \$500 at the discretion of the adjudicators.
- Volunteer Committee of the Kingston Symphony Association Award providing one year of tuition with the Kingston Youth Orchestra to a violinist who is 16 years of age or less and performing at the Royal Conservatory of Music Grade 7 or the Suzuki Book 6 level or higher.

Eligibility

Young artists eligible to apply are those residents of Kingston or a surrounding community for four or more years and are students in elementary or high school, or who are students in a postsecondary institution and in their first or second year, who meet the residency requirement and are formally studying a symphony orchestra instrument.

Filing an Application

The applicant will prepare a portfolio of materials. No exceptions will be made. Materials will include:

- A copy of the applicant's birth certificate.
- Proof of residency in Kingston or a surrounding community for a total of four or more years. Proof will include addresses, phone numbers, and duration of residency at each location.
- A one-page resume prepared by the applicant noting musical experience and a paragraph indicating why he/she is deserving of an award.
- Two letters of reference, one being from the applicant's current teacher on the instrument played on the compact disc recording. Letters from peers are not admissible.

- Two high quality recordings on a compact disc, the music being three contrasting works or movements no less than 10 minutes and no longer than 20 minutes.

General Information

The deadline for filing an application is 15 March 2013. No exceptions will be made.

The portfolio will be received at the office of the

Kingston Symphony Association
c/o Music Awards Committee
11 Princess Street, Suite 206
P.O. Box 1616
Kingston, ON K7L 5C8

High-level professional musicians select the winners of awards and include:

- Gisèle Dalbec-Szczesniak, Concertmaster – Kingston Symphony
- Glen Fast, Music Director – Kingston Symphony Association
- Valerie Fisher - Music Specialist, Teacher at James R. Henderson Public School

Names of the award winners will be announced before 30 May 2013.

Portfolios may be retrieved after April 30 and before 30 May 2013 at the Kingston Symphony Association office.

For further information do not hesitate to contact the convener of the Music Awards Program either at VC-KSA-MA@hotmail.com or telephone 613-546-9729.