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Dear Student or Teacher,

Newark Symphony Orchestra announces its 33rd annual Mildred Gaddis Competition for Young Musicians. The competition will be hosted on **Saturday, November 13th, 2010** at the Tower Hill School in Wilmington, Delaware. Both a high school and college winner will be selected, and each will be awarded a \$300 honorarium. One winner will perform on March 6, 2011, and the other will perform on May 15, 2011.

NEW for 2010. College division is now open to classical singers.

Requirements for contestants are as follows:

- Age requirements as of December 31, 2010
 - High school student minimum age 14
 - College student under the age of 25
 - Singers (college student) under the age of 29
- Contestants must sing or perform on a string, wind, or percussion instrument or on piano, with their own piano accompanist.
- Contestants must be permanent residents or full-time students in the state of Delaware, or in Chester and Delaware Counties in Pennsylvania, or Cecil and Kent Counties in Maryland. Applicants not meeting residence requirements will be considered if they study with a Delaware resident.
- Contestant winners must be able to commute to required rehearsals and concerts at The Independence School in Newark, DE. Refer to NSO rehearsal schedule at <http://www.newarksymphony.org/pdf/schedule.pdf>.
- Contestants must supply at least one original piano score for use by the judges.
- Music selection requirements:
 - Contestants must be prepared to perform by memory a complete work for solo instrument and orchestra. Single movement works are acceptable.
 - Singers must be prepared to perform by memory a program of at least 15 minutes of operatic arias from standard repertoire.
- A non-refundable fee of \$40 must accompany each application. Make check payable to Newark Symphony Orchestra.
- Please include a bio or other profile summarizing your prior accomplishments.
- Judges may decide to limit competition to 15-20 selected contestants. DVD or CD recording is recommended but not required with application submission.

Application deadline is Monday, November 1st, 2010. Applications received and/or postmarked after this date will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please email your questions to montejoanna@hotmail.com or call Anna Montejo at 610.506.1773. Mail contents to:

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