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**Audition recordings due Nov. 4, Live Auditions, Dec. 3, Concert April 19**

**Please choose music we own or can buy.**

**No rentals unless you pay the rental cost and we would prefer to avoid rentals  
because they usually cannot be recorded.**

March 22, 2011

Dear Music Teachers and Youth Musicians:

The Orchestra of Southern Utah is issuing a call for all young soloists in southern Utah to audition to perform in our Spring Concert. (1) Please choose music that is in our OSU library or may be purchased. We will be unable to rent music for this season due to reduced funding. Check with [osucedarcity@gmail.com](mailto:osucedarcity@gmail.com) for more information. (2) Live auditions require piano accompaniment. We now have access to two grand pianos and this gives the judges a better idea as to how the solo part fits with the orchestra parts.

The "Roy L. Halversen Young Artist Concert" honors a beloved teacher who came to Cedar City after training at Juilliard and in Germany. He taught countless young people in Cedar City and built a string program at the local university. We feel this is an appropriate way to honor the memory of the man who did so much to establish the standard of musical excellence in Cedar City.

We encourage southern Utah area youth, ages 13 to 25, to audition for this event. Those selected to perform with OSU will receive a \$50 honorarium and have the experience of soloing with a symphony orchestra. Those not selected to perform will have the invaluable experience of preparing for and performing in a formal audition.

Enclosed is an application form, which may be duplicated, to be filled out by those interested in auditioning. This form contains all the requirements. (Please note the \$20 non-refundable audition fee)

To give potential soloist as much preparation time as possible, the deadline for us to receive the recordings is Friday, Nov. 4, by 5 P.M.—but they may be submitted any time prior to that day. Six to eight finalists will be chosen from the audio recordings for the live audition on Saturday, Dec. 3 (time and location to be announced).

Please encourage students to produce the best quality digital CD recording possible for the audition. Since this is a concert competition it is essential to hear the accompaniment as well as the solo part. **Any audition recording without accompaniment will NOT be considered.**

Remind students that if selected, they will be expected to attend rehearsals with OSU in March and April. The concert is scheduled for April 19 with the dress rehearsal on April 18. The performance is recorded and broadcast via youtube and our website, [www.orchestraofsouthernutah.org](http://www.orchestraofsouthernutah.org).

If the student would like to have their audition materials returned to them, they must note it and provide a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Please contact me if you have any further questions or comments. We look forward to hearing many talented young musicians this season!

Sincerely,

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