



2017 Sonora Bach Festival Youth Auditions Guidelines

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1. The youth auditions are open to students through the 12th grade from Tuolumne, Calaveras, and Amador counties. Applications must include a signed recommendation from the teacher or adult advisor.
2. The music selected must be from the Baroque period. A few of the composers to choose from are J. S. Bach, Buxtehude, Frescobaldi, Marcello, Sweelinck, Quantz, Tartini, Telemann, Monteverdi, Lully, Purcell, Corelli, Vivaldi, Rameau, Couperin, Scarlatti, Handel, Loeillet, Pachelbel, and Pergolesi.
3. The music must be performed from memory for the audition as well as for the performance. Ensembles may use music.
4. Auditions are concert style with family and friends as audience. This year we will be assigning an hour block in which to arrive for your audition, and within that hour students will play on a first-come, first-served basis. This should cut down on your waiting time. Specific audition times will be considered upon request with one week's notice.
5. Ensembles must provide their own music stands.
6. A student may audition on only one solo instrument and in only one ensemble.
7. Students must provide at least two copies (original OK) of the music for reference by the judges during the audition.
8. A musical selection shall not exceed 5 minutes in length.
9. Daytime concert dress is required for both the audition and the concert. Discuss this with your teacher. For girls, skirts or dresses and dress shoes. For boys, shirt and tie, jacket optional, dress shoes.
10. At the audition, each student will announce his or her name, title of piece, and composer.
11. Teachers will make arrangements for an accompanist if required. Teachers may accompany students. The Bach Festival can provide an accompanist, with advance notice, for a \$10 fee.
12. There will be no formal rehearsal for the concert, but students may come early for a run-through, on a first-come, first-served basis. Both auditions and concert will be held at the Church of the 49ers in Columbia.