

YMF 2020 Announcement for Music Teachers

The Weymouth Center for the Arts & Humanities is pleased to announce the **2020 Young Musicians Festival (YMF)**, on **Saturday and Sunday, February 22-23**.

Registration for the 2020 Festival is **open now through January 13**. The **application fee** is **\$25.00**. The completed application and a check made payable to Weymouth Center, with YMF 2020 noted in the memo area, should be sent to: Weymouth Center, P.O. Box 939, Southern Pines, NC 28388. A copy of the application form and Festival audition guidelines are attached. These documents are also on the Weymouth website: www.weymouthcenter.org. Teachers will be notified by January 27 regarding student audition times. Questions may be directed to Festival Chair, Sue Aceves, at: slaceves@gmail.com

A Preparatory Division through Grade 3 has been added this year and continues with grades 4 through 12.

The Festival provides an opportunity for music students from the counties of Cumberland, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, and Scotland to perform before credentialed adjudicators from North Carolina schools of music. Applicants must be currently studying with a teacher in the area of performance for which they plan to audition. Adjudicator comments are focused on building the technical and musical aspects of a student's performance area. The remarks also provide the student's teacher with particular information helpful for further study. The Festival is open to all instruments as well as voice.

A Finalists Concert will be held on Sunday, February 23, at 2:00 p.m. with participants selected by the adjudicators. Awards will be presented in each division, Preparatory, Grades 4-6; 7-9 and 10-12 including the Katharine Lamont Boyd "Most Outstanding Musician" award. This recital is open to the public.

Two scholarships will be awarded this year: The Ruth Sinclair award for all seniors in high school that are selected as finalists and the Danny Infantino "Outstanding Musicianship" Award. These and the finalists will be chosen by the two adjudicators.

The Festival adjudicators will be Elizabeth Beilman, cello and Dr. Joseph DiPiazza, piano. Ms. Beilman holds both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music Performance from Indiana University School of Music. She has played with the NC Symphony Orchestra since 1988 and serves as the Associate Principal Cello. She is the executive director of NC Chamber Music Institute and has a private cello studio. She is a co-founder of the performing chamber group, Aurora Musicalis.

Dr. DiPiazza has the Doctor of Musical Arts and the Master of Music degrees from University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is a professor at UNC at Greensboro, teaching both graduate and undergraduate students. Dr. DiPiazza has participated as a performer, clinician and adjudicator in numerous festivals

This year's Festival is graciously sponsored by Ralph and Vivian Jacobson.

We look forward to receiving applications for the 2020 Young Musicians Festival and to your student's participation during Weymouth's 40th Anniversary!

Sincerely,

The Weymouth YMF Committee: Sue Aceves, Chair; Larissa Glassman, Kristina Henckel, Sondra Nelson; John Tyson, and Elaine Sills, Weymouth Music Committee Chair
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