



**CALLING ALL
YOUNG CLASSICAL MUSICIANS
\$750 Prize & Entry Submitted to *From the Top***

The Knoxville Choral Society (KCS) is pleased to announce its annual Young Classical Musicians Competition, which recognizes outstanding soloists ages 9 through 18 who play or sing classical repertoire and who have not attended any college. A panel of professional musicians from the local community will judge the entries and select up to four winners in the following categories: voice, strings, woodwind/percussion, and keyboard.

Each winner will receive a \$750 prize and perform his or her chosen piece at the 2012 Knoxville Choral Society spring concert. This concert, which also features the KCS and members of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, takes place at the Knoxville Convention Center on Saturday, March 10, 2012, at 8 p.m.

All entrants must submit an application form, a \$15 application fee, and an audition CD to the KCS, which must be postmarked by Wednesday, January 18, 2012. Recordings must include two pieces that are distinctly different in style, with a maximum length of five minutes for each selection. Previous winners may not participate in this year's contest. Solos may be accompanied; each winning student is responsible for hiring an accompanist for the concert, if necessary. Please note that applications are accepted for solos only, not duets, trios, or other multiples.

Some entries selected by the judges will be forwarded for consideration by "**From the Top,**" the popular Public Radio International program hosted by Christopher O'Riley (broadcast locally by public radio station WUOT 91.9 FM on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m.), which showcases exceptionally talented young artists from all over the country. Several past YCMC finalists have been selected to perform on this highly acclaimed program.

To receive application materials or additional information, please visit the KCS Web site at knoxvillechoralsociety.org and follow the links, or e-mail the chairperson at ycmc@knoxvillechoralsociety.org. The Knoxville Choral Society is a recipient of an Arts Project Support grant from the Tennessee Arts Commission for the 2011-2012 season. Prizes for the 2012 Young Classical Musicians Competition are being awarded by Rush's Music, the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, American Piano Gallery, and Home Federal Bank. Additional sponsors include WUOT 91.9 FM, B&W Y-12, and the Clayton Family Foundation.

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