

# National Music Camp of Canada's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Solo Competition



National Music Camp of Canada is pleased to announce its' 3rd Annual Senior Camp Solo Competition! We have decided to go by instrument groups moving forward and rotate on a yearly basis. This year we invite audition submissions from String instruments; Violin, Viola, Cello, String Bass and Guitar are all eligible. Enter to Win at NMC! Our grand prize winner will perform a solo with the Symphony Orchestra at camp! The grand prize also includes a 50% rebate of the camp fee (*refunded after camp*), plus a private lesson at camp and NMC swag bag! Runners-up will receive the swag bag and a private lesson at camp!

The audition piece you submit must have an orchestral accompaniment and be a maximum of 7 min. in length. The camp will acquire parts for the performance of the winning selection. To enter, register online for Senior Camp, then record a video (max. 7 mins) of yourself playing the intermediate to advanced level solo that you would like to perform with the orchestra at camp. Your solo can be accompanied or unaccompanied - that's up to you! Upload your video to YouTube and send the YouTube link to: [mike@nationalmusiccamp.com](mailto:mike@nationalmusiccamp.com). **Applications must be submitted by April 27th!**

Visit our website for more details. Register for camp today at:

[www.nationalmusiccamp.com](http://www.nationalmusiccamp.com)





## NMC 2018 THIRD ANNUAL SOLO COMPETITION AUDITIONS

### Audition Process:

#### Instructions on making the audition video

- You may use piano accompaniment or not at your discretion.
- NO EDITING IS ALLOWED. The audition must be recorded as one uninterrupted video.
- Announce your name at the beginning. Other than that, no voice recording is required.
- To avoid interruptions, make sure there will be no distractions during your recording time.

#### Tips for making a better video for your audition

- Equipment - Try to use a digital video camera. A high end video camera is not necessary. If you do not have a camera ask your friends and family or music teachers and school if they have a camera you can borrow. Most high schools have video equipment which you can borrow for free or rent for a small cost.
- Video Quality - If you are using an HD (High Definition) camera, setting it to a lower resolution will save you time when uploading to YouTube (360p or 480p is good enough).
- Audio Quality - If you can, set the sound quality to better or best stereo, but no need for "Surround Sound".
- Camera Position – Try placing the camera 10-20 ft. from where you will be playing. If the room is more echoic or live, placing the camera closer to you usually helps. Experiment with the placement of the camera and find where in the room it captures the best sound quality. Use headphones to listen to the playback. Headphones provide better sound quality than most laptop or camera speakers. Make some preliminary test recordings to find the best set-up for you. Adjust the video camera to show your whole body and your instrument from an angle so that we can see how you play. Ensure your music stand is not blocking the view.
- If possible have another person help you start and stop the camera so that you can focus on playing.
- Give yourself plenty of time.
- You may record practice runs, but only one uninterrupted video of the piece may be uploaded for consideration.

#### Instructions for Uploading Your Audition to YouTube

- Create a YouTube account or sign in to your existing account.
- Make sure you have a high enough limit to upload your audition. There is an **"Increase your limit"** function on the YouTube upload screen should you need it.
- Follow the instructions on YouTube to start uploading your video.
- After uploading your video, make sure you do the following:
  - Copy and paste the URL, also known as the link or web-address, for your audition video into an email addressed to [mike@nationalmusiccamp.com](mailto:mike@nationalmusiccamp.com).
  - The URL of your audition video must be received by **April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018** in order to be eligible. Please note that you must also be registered for NMC Senior Division on an orchestral instrument to be eligible.

You will be notified by mid-May if your audition video has been accepted. The results of the audition will be announced by the end of June.

If you have any questions, please direct them to the email address above. Thanks for participating!