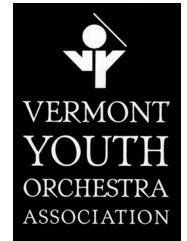




The Vermont MIDI Project and the
Vermont Youth Orchestra Association present

First Night Burlington

Orchestral Performance Opportunity



The Vermont Youth Orchestra plans to perform one orchestral work by a Vermont MIDI Project student as part of the December 31, 2009 concert at the Flynn Center in Burlington (part of Burlington's First Night celebration).

Eligibility: Any Vermont MIDI Project student who participated in the online composition process during the 2008-09 school year. Students who graduate in the spring of 2009 are eligible, but must be available to attend rehearsals and the concert in Burlington on December 30 & 31, 2009. *A student selected for the First Night performance in the year preceding is not eligible to submit a composition for this year's concert.*

Instrumentation: not to exceed

3 flutes (with 1 piccolo) / 3 oboes (with 1 English horn) / 3 clarinets / 2 bassoons
4 horns / 3 trumpets / 3 trombones / 1 tuba
timpani / 3 additional percussionists / piano or electronic keyboard/ harp (Note harp available this year)
strings

Length: not to exceed 8 minutes

Deadlines:

- First postings of orchestral scores for mentoring must be made on the Vermont MIDI Project password protected website no later than July 22, 2009. This posting can be preliminary, but it's important to commit to this event early.
- At least one revision must be posted by August 1st as a follow-up to feedback received and indicate a commitment to continue with the process.
- Final versions must be posted no later than September 15, 2009.
- The work to be performed will be selected by a committee convened by the VYOA and announced around September 30, 2009.
- A full set of orchestral parts for the work selected to be performed must be submitted to the VYOA no later than November 1, 2009.
- The VYOA reserves the right to decline performance, if no work is deemed appropriate for this concert.

Online Mentoring: Students with initial scores posted by July 22, 2009 will be mentored by professional composers over the summer. Each student will receive an individual password permitting them access to the VT MIDI Project work site over the summer. Protocols for mentoring will be forwarded with the password. The student selected is expected to attend the two performances at the Flynn Theater in Burlington on December 31, 2009 and one or two rehearsals with the orchestra prior to the performance.

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