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Jefferson Symphony Promotes Rising Stars through Competition

WHEAT RIDGE – The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra announces its 2020 Young Artists Competition, a live-audition and cash-awarding contest for upcoming musicians. Now in its 61st year, the JSOYAC has evolved from local contest to an international gathering of outstanding young musicians (17-23 years old) competing for solo artist privileges and scholarship awards. This year's focus on brass, woodwind and percussion instruments—the concentration changes yearly—allows contestants to showcase skills and talents unique to their instrument. The annual competition is co-sponsored by the Jefferson Symphony Association; its underwriters include Wilmot Charitable Trust and Karl and Karen Kappler.

Previous JSOYAC winners include 2019 Yamaha Performing Artist Samuel Vargas (Venezuela, Columbus State University), Alex Hersh (Chicago, New England Conservatory) and Kamalia Freyling (San Diego, Julliard). This year up to twelve finalists will compete for a top prize of \$5000 and a solo performance with Jefferson Symphony Orchestra under Maestro William Morse. Symphony administrators will accept JSOYAC applications beginning July 01, 2019 in anticipation of the January 2020 finals round of competition.

Jefferson Symphony Orchestra prepares for its 67th season with an exciting lineup of concerts and events. JSOYAC is part of the ensemble's many collaborations with special and guest artists. Details about the competition as well as additional information about the symphony can be found at www.jeffsymphony.org.

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