The Central Ohio Flute Association
2017 Flute Festival Competition – Junior, Senior, Collegiate, and Young Artist Divisions

The Central Ohio Flute Association at The Ohio State University will sponsor its thirty-fourth annual Flute Competition on April 1, 2017, at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. The purpose of this competition is to encourage excellence of performance and to recognize outstanding flutists. Cash prizes will be awarded to the first-place winners of each division as follows: Junior High – $200, Senior High – $300, Collegiate – $400, and Young Artist – $500.

Winners will be invited to play in the guest artist master class at Flute Festival 2018 and should confirm their attendance one month prior to the Festival.

APPLICANTS: Can be downloaded at http://cofa.osu.edu or requested by e-mail to e-torres@onu.edu.

ELIGIBILITY:
• Young Artist Division: Must be 30 years of age or under as of April 1, 2017.
• Collegiate Division: Must be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree program and 23 years of age or under as of April 1, 2017.
• Senior Division: Must be a full-time student in grades 10, 11, or 12.
• Junior Division: Must be a full-time student in grades 6, 7, 8, or 9.

(If a candidate is eligible and wishes to compete for two divisions, they must pay separately for both applications. If selected as a finalist in both, he or she will have to choose one division to compete in.)

AUDITION PROCEDURES:
1. A preliminary audition must be submitted on compact disc and must include the required tape selection from the contestant’s age division. No other media will be accepted. Recordings must be unedited. Please record a separate track for each movement in multi-movement works. Deadline: All application materials must be postmarked by February 3, 2017.
2. Three flutists from each division will be chosen to appear in the Final Round on April 1, 2017. Notification of advancement to the Final Round will be made by e-mail no later than March 3, 2017, by 9 pm, at which time finalists and alternates will be asked to immediately provide a publicity photo (300dpi .pdf, .jpg, or .tif files) and 400-character biography for the COFA website and program. If you have not heard the results by March 3, 2017 at 9 pm, please contact Dr. Erin Torres at e-torres@onu.edu.
3. During the final round, held on April 1, 2017, each of the three finalists must FIRST perform the required selection for the Final Round. The remainder of the program shall be chosen by the finalist but CANNOT include the required Tape Round selection. The choice of programming may influence the judges’ decision. Programs in the Final Round may not exceed 10 minutes for the Junior Division, 15 minutes for the Senior Division, and 20 minutes for the Collegiate and Young Artist divisions including the required selection. Finalists must provide three copies of each piece for the judges. (The judges do not need originals.)

ACCOMPANIST: Finalists appearing in the Final Round may be accompanied by his/her own accompanist or may use a COFA-provided pianist for an additional $85 fee.

APPLICATION FEE: A check for $40, payable to COFA, must accompany the application form. If any part of the application form is left incomplete, the applicant will be disqualified. Program selections for the Final Round must be included on the application form.

REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS:
A. JUNIOR DIVISION
   Required Selection for Tape: Claude Debussy- Syrinx
   Required Selection for Finals: Frédéric Chopin-Variations on a Theme by Rossini

B. SENIOR DIVISION
   Required Selection for Finals: Kent Kennan-Night Soliloquy

C. COLLEGIATE DIVISION
   Required Selection for Tape: Jacques Ibert- Pièce for solo flute
   Required Selection for Finals: David Del Tredici- Acrostic Song from Final Alice (for flute and piano, available from Boosey & Hawkes)

D. YOUNG ARTIST DIVISION
   Required Selection for Tape: Robert Dick: Fish Are Jumping
   Required Selection for Finals: Charles-Marie Widor- Suite, Op. 34 (Scherzo, Romance)

COFA reserves the right to cancel the competition for any division that does not have enough qualified contestants.

AUDITION RECORDING INSTRUCTIONS:
The preliminary audition must be a high-quality CD recording and must contain NO writing at all on the CD. The proper return address must appear only on the outer package. No recordings will be returned. Applications must be postmarked no later than February 3, 2016. The official application form AND the fee of $40 must be included.
2017 Central Ohio Flute Association Annual Competition
Application Form (print or type legibly)

Name ___________________________________________ Phone ____________________
Address ________________________________________________________________
City ___________________ State ______________ Zip ____________
E-mail address __________________________________________________________
School Attending ___________________________________ Grade _______ Age ______

Private Teacher _____________________ Address ___________________________
City ___________________ State ______ Zip ____________ Phone __________________
E-mail address __________________________________________________________

Check One: _____ Junior _____ Senior _____ Collegiate _____ Young Artist

How did you learn about the COFA Competition? _______________________________________

NOTE: Contestants may use their own accompanist in the Final Round or an accompanist provided by COFA ($85 fee to be paid directly to the pianist). A notice of performance time and other pertinent information will be sent to all contestants chosen to appear in the Final Round. The winners may also be invited to perform in the Festival Master Class the following year.

I will use the accompanist provided by COFA: _____ YES _____ NO

Program Selections for the Final Round (MUST BE INCLUDED ON THIS APPLICATION):
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The undersigned verify the following:
1. If selected as a finalist, the flutist will appear in Columbus, Ohio, on April 1, 2017.
2. The flutist is applying for competition in the appropriate division.
3. A first-place winner may not compete again in the same division; however, previous junior division first-place winners may enter the senior division, even if not yet in 10th grade.
4. The flutist will not identify him/herself or include any writing on the compact disc.
5. Any photographs, including publicity photographs provided in the final round, may be used for publicity purposes, including publicity via the World Wide Web, at The Ohio State University, and that information may be forwarded to publications of interest to musicians, including, but not limited to: Flute Talk and The Flutist Quarterly.

Date: _______________ Student Signature: ________________________________

Parent Signature: ____________________________________________________
(not required for Collegiate or Young Artist)

Please mail your COMPLETED application form, $40 application fee, and compact disc recording to:
Dr. Erin Torres
Ohio Northern University
Music Department
525 S. Main St.
Ada, OH 45810

Questions about the COFA Competition may be directed to: Dr. Erin Torres at e-torres@onu.edu.

This form and the accompanying recording must be postmarked no later than February 3, 2017. Please DO NOT send your materials in such a way that a signature is required for delivery.

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