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CIVIC MUSIC HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION AUDITIONS SET

MILWAUKEE, WI.....Advanced high school age musicians in the five county area are encouraged to apply for the CIVIC MUSIC High School Music Competition set for Saturday, January 27, 2018 at First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa. Application deadline is December 8, 2017. Interested musicians should visit the CIVIC MUSIC website at www.civicmusicmilwaukee.org to find more information and to apply, or call 414/483-3223.

This prestigious competition will distribute a total of \$4,000 in awards and scholarships to several selected winners. Vocal and instrumental musicians in grades 10-12 who are performing at the WSMA Class A level or above and living in Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Waukesha Washington and Racine counties are eligible to apply. Audition Day includes an AUDITION AND RECITAL PREPARATION WORKSHOP with tips and strategies for mindful performances led by [Mark Davis](#), pianist and Chair of the Jazz Institute at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music. Audition Day also features a VOCAL MASTER CLASS facilitated by [Scott Stewart](#), Chorus Master of the Florentine Opera Company. Vocal students may sign up to participate or simply come to observe. Both of these workshops are also open to the public for a \$5 admission fee.

Based on the auditions, the Competition judges will invite the 6-8 top musicians to perform on the Showcase Recital, to be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at the [Milwaukee Art Museum](#). Winners of 2-4 Young Artist scholarships will be announced at the close of the recital. This recital is free and open to the public.

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The 2018 judges for the High School Competition are [J. Patrick Rafferty](#), former Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra concertmaster; [Elena Abend](#), University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Piano and Chamber Music Faculty Member; and [Rick Hynson](#), Bel Canto Chorus Music Director and Kettle Moraine Symphony Music Director.

As one of Milwaukee’s oldest arts organizations, CIVIC MUSIC will celebrate a century of developing the musical life of our community in 2018. CIVIC MUSIC’s mission is to provide and support music education and performance opportunities for young musicians in the greater Milwaukee area. CIVIC MUSIC offers a variety of scholarship and performance opportunities to students in grades 4-12 through private lessons, auditions, workshops, master classes, competitions and performances before a live audience. These programs allow participating instrumentalists and vocalists to refine their skills and practice their art. CIVIC MUSIC reaches over 1,000 young musicians in the greater Milwaukee area. More than 90% of programming involves students 18 years old or younger.

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