

INVITATION to PARTICIPATE

MUSIC 2 OUR EARS

Youth Music Contest for Mason County



Dear Youth, Teachers and Parents,

As the holidays draw near, it is time to remind young musicians of the 2020 Mason County Youth Music Competition, Music 2 Our Ears (M2OE). The competition will be held at Harstine Island Community Hall, Saturday evening, 22 February, starting at 6:00 pm.

If you are a music teacher of, or know young people who practice their music daily, be it vocal, piano, fiddle, string, wind, brass or percussion, please help them apply for this competition. The three categories are

- 3rd - 5th grade
- 6th - 8th grade
- 9th - 12th grade

The two part award for each of 3 winners is a \$200 scholarship showing the achievement of years of practice, and a solo at one of Harstine Island Community Choir's 2020 concerts demonstrating quality performance at a professional venue with a large audience.

Each musician chooses a song with his or her teacher that is not longer than 4 minutes. One copy of this selection is provided each of three adjudicators. After the performance, each judge provides positive feedback and suggestions for future practice and performance. After all contestants have performed, the winner of each category is announced.

Applications for M2OE are due the last day of January - Friday at midnight, 31 January 2020. Applications and further details are at <http://www.harstinechoir.org/Harstine-youth.htm>.

Music 2 Our Ears is designed to encourage musicianship in our young people, to deepen understanding and appreciation of music, and to provide experience in performance and competition. Kristmas Town Kiwanis and Pioneer Kiwanis financially support M2OE so there is no fee to participate, and they have made it possible that one student at each level receives the \$200 scholarship. We are grateful for Kiwanis' active support of youth in Mason County. Thank you for getting youth musicians involved in the competition.

For the joy of music,

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