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The Riverside Symphonia is a professional orchestra serving the region surrounding the neighboring river towns of Lambertville, N.J. and New Hope, PA. The Symphonia premiered in 1990 and from the beginning, has successfully provided first-class music at prices within the reach of all. Through the years, the orchestra has received critical acclaim, performing to consistently sold-out audiences.

In 1996, Mariusz Smolij was appointed Music Director and Conductor of the Symphonia. Considered one of the most talented young conductors of his generation, Smolij also serves as the Music Director of the Acadiana Symphony in Lafayette, Louisiana. He has collaborated with Atlanta Symphony, the Houston Symphony, the New Jersey Symphony, Detroit Symphony. Since the 2002-2003 season, Maestro Smolij has been closely associated with the Wroclaw (Breslau) Philharmonic in Poland and has presided over the International Festival Wratlslavia Cantans.

The *Caprio Young Artists Competition* was established in honor of the late John-Michael Caprio, the founding conductor of the Riverside Symphonia. In addition to his work as conductor and music director at the Riverside Symphonia and at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, Caprio was a former teacher dedicated to helping young performers prepare for their own musical careers.

Eligibility

The Riverside Symphonia *Caprio Young Artists Competition* is open to all non-keyboard instrumentalists who will be no more than 22 years of age on May 12, 2012. All contestants must either reside in or study in New Jersey, New York, or Pennsylvania. Only complete applications will be considered. A complete application package consists of:

- 1 A completed application form
- 2 Two letters of recommendation
- 3 A photo copy proof of age (birth certificate or passport)
- 4 An artistic biography with photo
- 5 A recorded performance by the contestant (audio CD format). The recorded performance will serve as the preliminary round for the competition. Selection(s) may be of any of the standard repertoire for the contestant's instrument scored for soloist and orchestra. Piano accompaniment is acceptable for the recorded audition. The selection(s) should be those intended for use in the final round and concert. The chosen repertoire must have orchestral accompaniment currently available for orchestra. Riverside Symphonia's current instrumentation is as follows: Strings, woodwinds in pairs, 4 horns, 2 trumpets, and timpani. A small enlargement of this instrumentation may be made on an individual basis at the discretion of the conductor. The recorded

performance **must be between 13 and 18 minutes.** This may be substituted by submission of up to two short pieces provided that orchestral accompaniment is available.

6. A non-refundable application fee in the form of a check or money order payable to the Riverside Symphonia in the amount of \$25 must accompany the application.

The deadline for submission of the application is February 14, 2012. Applications postmarked with a later date will be returned. All contestants will be notified of their status by March 30, 2012. Completed applications should be mailed to:

Candace Phillips, The Riverside Symphonia, *Caprio Young Artists Competition*, P.O. Box 650, Lambertville, NJ 08530
www.riversidesymphonia.org Phone: (609)-397-7300

Final Round

Finalists of the *Caprio Young Artists Competition* will perform in a public audition on May 12, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Lambertville, N.J. Contestants must provide their own piano accompanist for the final round. Judges will select a first place and second place winner based on this performance.

Prizes

The first place winner of the final round will receive a cash prize of \$500 and must sign a contract to perform with the Riverside Symphonia during a regularly scheduled concert in the 2012-2013 season. Upon completion of the performance, the winner will receive an additional \$1,500. Failure to perform as stated in the contract will result in forfeiture of \$1,500. The second place winner will receive a cash prize of \$1,000.

Judges

Judges for the recorded preliminary round and final round will be distinguished artists in the orchestral and solo field. Three judges will adjudicate the final round. If a contestant has studied with, or has personal ties to a judge, the judge will be requested to disqualify himself or herself for that contestant. In such a case, the scores of the other judges will be averaged to provide the additional score. The decision of the judges is final.

The Riverside Symphonia Eighth Biennial Caprio Young Artists Competition Application

(Please type or print)

Name _____ Date of birth _____

Instrument _____
(Keyboard instruments excluded)

Current address _____

Permanent address _____

Telephone (including area code) _____ E-mail: _____

Selection(s) to be performed (including timings) _____

- Have you included:
- Two letters of recommendation
 - Proof of age
 - Artist biography with photo
 - Check or money order for \$25.00
 - CD (CD-R) recording only of audition selection(s)
No DVD's, Please check your CD for Quality.

Signature of applicant _____

Signature of parent or guardian if applicant is under 21 _____

Please send completed package to: Candace Phillips, The Riverside Symphonia, Caprio Young Artists Competition, P.O. Box 650, Lambertville, NJ 08530 Phone: 609-397-7300 E-mail: jcandace@hotmail.com Deadline: February 14, 2012.

Application form may be duplicated

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