The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Guild is proud to sponsor the 2020 Stella Boyle Smith Young Artists Competition designed to identify and nurture talent through education and performance opportunities with the ultimate goal of enhancing the level of music-making in the state of Arkansas.

The Guild awards the following prizes:

- $750 First Place
- $500 Second Place
- $250 Qualified Winner in Each of the Instrument Categories

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Preliminary and Final will be by live performance on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Preliminary performances are open only to the performer’s family and teacher. The Final is open to the public.

The music must be performed from memory.

Selections must be a movement of a composition for solo instrument and orchestra from the standard repertoire. Contact Jeannine Stephens with any questions about acceptable repertoire.

Contestants must provide a copy of their music for the judges. Photocopies will not be accepted and will disqualify the contestant. Contestants must adhere to copyright laws. Contestants are required to provide his or her own pianist to perform orchestral reductions.

Contestants must be residents of the state of Arkansas and be between the ages of 12 and 18. Contestants must not have reached their 19th birthday by February 29, 2020, and they must be in a Middle School, Junior High, or High School program.

Mail the application and a non-refundable check for $25 to ASOG postmarked or received by January 31, 2020.

Please mail to:

Stella Boyle Smith
Young Artist Competition
Bob and Jeanne Fitzgerald
54 Montagne Court
Little Rock, AR 72223

bjfitz1995@gmail.com
# Application Form

**Application:**

**The 2020 Stella Boyle Smith Young Artist Competition**

**Fine Arts Building**
University of Arkansas Little Rock
28th and University Avenue
Little Rock, AR

**The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Guild**

**Date:** February 29, 2020

Concerto Competition for:
- Brass
- Piano/Percussion
- Strings
- Woodwinds

**APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 31, 2020**
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**STELLA BOYLE SMITH**

Stella Boyle Smith, for whom the competition is named, was born in Farmington, Mo., into a large, musically inclined family, that later moved to Arkansas when she was two. Her second husband, George Smith, held various business interests and extensive farms in Woodruff and Arkansas counties which allowed them to engage in philanthropy.

A pianist, Smith's love for music inspired her to start the Musical Group in 1923 in the living room of her home in Little Rock where she lived until her death in 1994.

Initially established as an educational tool for children, the group became the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Guild in 1966.

The Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Guild gratefully acknowledges the donors to the Stella Boyle Smith Competition and their generosity in providing all funding and volunteers for the competitions.

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