



Hoosier STAR 2012 Rules

Saturday, September 15, 2012, 7 pm CDT

La Porte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge Street, La Porte, IN 46350

Presented by the La Porte County Symphony Orchestra

COMPETITION DIVISIONS

- **Youth** ----- 17 years old and under
- **Adult** ----- 18 years old and over
(Contestant's age at time of auditions)

GRAND PRIZES

	Youth	Adult
First Place	\$500	\$1000
Second Place	\$250	\$500

MARCH AUDITIONS

Location

La Porte Little Theatre, 218 A Street,
La Porte, Indiana 46350
Phone: 219-362-5113

Dates and Times

Saturday, March 17, 2012, 8 am-5 pm CDT
Sunday, March 18, 2012, 12-6 pm CDT

Fees, Deadlines, Audition Requirements

- Application fee is \$20.00.
- The fee is **non-refundable** and will be contributed to this fundraising event for the orchestra. The **non-refundable** \$20.00 fee must accompany the application.
- Contest is open to amateur vocalists only. As long as the contestant does not earn his/her main livelihood by singing, he/she is considered an amateur.
- Applicants must be residents of Indiana or Southwest Michigan.
- Audition application must be completed, returned and postmarked by March 10, 2012 for guaranteed appointment.
- Walk-ins are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, until all available appointment times are filled.
- All contestants will be asked to sign a release for permission to take audio/video footage for possible promotional and marketing use and possible presentation on September 15, 2012.
- All contestants, if selected as a finalist, must be available to perform on September 15, 2012.

Previous Participants

- Adult first-place winners from previous *Hoosier STAR* concerts may not audition again.
- Youth first-place winners from previous *Hoosier STAR* concerts may not audition again as a Youth.
- Youth winners and finalists may audition for the Adult Division when they become eligible.
- *Hoosier STAR* 2011 finalists in both divisions are not eligible to compete in *Hoosier STAR* 2012, but may compete again in 2013.

AUDITION GUIDELINES

Accompaniment

For audition purposes only, applicants may provide their own accompanist (piano available), CD without lead vocals, sing a cappella, or accompany himself/herself with guitar, piano, etc. An accompanist will NOT be provided.

Solos Only

Only one person is allowed to sing at a time. No duets or group performances are accepted. No props, dancers or live backup vocalists are allowed.

Music Selection

Song must be less than five minutes in length. No offensive, profane or sexually implicit lyrics are allowed. Contestants who, during their performance, use vulgar lyrics or perform in an obscene manner will be disqualified.

Equipment Malfunction

Any contestant who experiences malfunction of equipment such as feedback, skipping of disc, or loss of microphone has the option of starting over. If the contestant, however, causes the malfunction, forgets the words or makes a mistake, starting over will be at the discretion of the judges.

JUDGING

- Contestants are selected by a panel of judges who will determine at least six finalists for each division to advance to the finals on September 15, 2012.
- Decisions by the judges are final.
- Any contestant, his or her families or associates who argue with a judge may be deemed to be using offensive behavior, and the contestant may be disqualified from competition.

FINALIST INFORMATION

Finalists will perform on Saturday, September 15, 2012, with the *Hoosier STAR* Orchestra, directed by Philip Bauman at the La Porte Civic Auditorium.

The conductor of the La Porte County Symphony Orchestra has final approval of all songs to be performed by finalists at the *Hoosier STAR* 2012 event on September 15, 2012.

Finalists are required to attend all scheduled rehearsals. Tentative rehearsal dates and times will occur September 8 – 15, 2012. Judging on September 15 will be done by audience vote to determine winners in each division.

For more information, call 219-362-9020, email HoosierStar@LCSO.net or visit www.LCSO.net. These rules may be changed or modified at any time.

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN!