

2009 Armenian Youth Talent (AYT) Music Competition

Armenian Youth Cultural Organization is proud to host the 1st annual Armenian Youth Talent music competition. The Armenian Youth Talent is a prestigious recognition program, which provides the opportunity for talented young Armenians to further their musical education and the chance to perform at Carnegie Hall, one of the **best world's concert halls**.

Eligibility & Repertoire:

Instrumentalists and vocalists of an Armenian descent between the ages of 10 and 18.

Participants may perform two pieces, **at least one is Armenian**, in original language (vocal).

All participants should perform live, ACapella or accompanied by piano/musical instruments. Please note that AYCO does not provide accompanists for auditions. Participants are encouraged to provide their own accompanist.

All musical instruments (except piano) must be provided by the participant.

Participation in the 2009 AYT is open to instrumentalists, vocalists and chamber ensembles in the following two age categories:

Category A. 10-13 years of age, audition performance not to exceed 6 min in length

Category B. 14-16 years of age, audition performance not to exceed 7 min in length

Category B. 17-18 years of age, audition performance not to exceed 8 min in length

All participants must provide proof of age (such as birth certificate, driver's license, etc.) and one photo.

Only those selected by the professional panel will be eligible to move on to the second, in-person audition, and will be notified. In-person auditions will take place in April 2009, in New York, NY (details TBA).

Audition CD/DVD Requirements:

The recording must be clearly labeled on the outside with your name and must be free of background noise with appropriate balance between solos and accompaniment.

Due to the large number of submissions, audition CD/DVD/VHS will not be returned.

Application Instructions:

Applicants interested in participating in this music competition must submit a CD/DVD/VHS of their audition performance, along with a completed application form and a non-refundable application fee. The application fee is **\$100 per participant**.

Application fees must be paid by check or money order and made payable to **Direct Help for Armenian People** with memo: **2009 Armenian Youth Talent**.

Applications and audition CDs/DVDs/VHSs must be postmarked no later than **March 20, 2009**.

All correspondence, including application forms, fees and audition

CD/DVD/VHS, should be sent to:

2009 AYT
2213 60th street
Brooklyn, NY 11204

For more information please call (718) 753-1021 or visit us on the web at <http://www.armeniansny.org>.

Awards:

Winners and Participants will be awarded Certificates of Excellence, Gold/Silver medal, Diploma and prizes. Please note that multiple winners might be chosen in each age group and categories.

Award Ceremony and Winner's Concert will be held at the **Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall on May 25th, 2009 at 2 PM**.

Winners will perform one work, selected by the judges from the contestants' audition repertoire.

Please complete form below entirety. Type or print clearly.

APPLICATION FORM

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ Gender: F M

Instrument: _____

Age Category (Please check one):

- .A. 10-13 years of age
 .B. 14-16 years of age
 .C. 17-18 years of age

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian (if under 18 years of age):

By signing below, I (applicant/parent/guardian) agree to all terms and conditions as described in this application and other related materials.

Applicant Signature:

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18 years of age):

Date: _____

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