



Jo Amish Young Artist Competition and the Raymond Santirocco Memorial Piano Award

Open to Instrumentalists and Pianists in Grades 11 & 12

David Harman, Music Director



Jo Amish

Jo Amish enjoyed a lifelong love of music. She was a strong supporter of the Penfield Symphony Orchestra, where she served as principal second violinist for more than thirty years. She believed strongly in the importance of promoting the arts to youth.

During Jo's final years, her five children decided to honor their mother through a contribution to the PSO by underwriting the Young Artist Award. The award was subsequently renamed in her honor. Jo was deeply touched by this and took great pride in presenting the award while her health permitted. Her love of music and generosity of spirit live on through the award and through her children and grandchildren.



Raymond Santirocco

Raymond Santirocco served as a Dean and as Associate Provost during his tenure at Rochester Institute of Technology. At the same time, he served eight years on the Penfield Town Board.

He was an accomplished pianist, and music was his constant love. During his many careers, Santirocco served on the boards of United Way, Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Penfield Symphony Orchestra, and Genesee Early Music Society, as well as the Penfield Library, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Crime Stoppers, Society for Total Emergency Preparedness (STEP), Manufacturing Partnership, Prevention Partners, and Project Unique.

Jo Amish Competition Prizes

First Place - \$300 and an appearance as soloist with the PSO on May 4, 2020

Second Place - \$200

Third Place - \$150

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Audition Requirements

- Contestants are expected to perform either the first or third movement of a concerto or a composition for solo instrument and orchestra in the standard repertoire.
- Memorization of audition material is recommended but not required.
- Piano accompaniment is required for all contestants. All applicants are to provide their own accompanist. Please abbreviate long tutti passages in the accompaniment.
- Each audition will last a maximum of ten minutes. Contestants may be interrupted at the discretion of the judges.
- A non-refundable fee of \$20 must accompany each application. Checks should be made out to Penfield Symphony Orchestra.

Note on repertoire selection: due to time and cost constraints, orchestral parts must be available from a publisher or rental agency in the USA. If you need help in verifying this, please contact the PSO office. Performance must be of the auditioned material.

Winners will be required to submit a high resolution photo and biography by March 1, 2020.

Photo must be at least 300 dpi and 5" x 8" or larger

Eligibility

Each year the Penfield Symphony Orchestra holds auditions for the Jo Amish Young Artist Competition. It is open to students in grades 11 and 12 who live in Genesee, Orleans, Livingston, Seneca, Monroe, Wayne, Ontario, Wyoming, or Yates county. Eligible instruments are strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, harp, guitar, and piano.

If any of the three winners play the piano, they will also receive the Raymond A. Santirocco Memorial Piano Award. This award was established by Berthe Santirocco to honor her husband, who was a pianist and a former member of the Penfield Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors. This additional cash award is \$100.



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Please print clearly.

Name _____

Street address or P.O. Box No. _____ City _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

County _____ Instrument _____

High School _____ Grade Level _____

Repertoire to be performed _____

High school music teacher -- *print name*

High school music teacher's signature

Private music teacher -- *print name*

Private music teacher's signature

The signatures below give the PSO permission to use your photo and biography in press releases and other publicity.

Applicant's signature

Parent/Guardian's signature

Additional application forms can be found on our website:

www.PenfieldSymphony.org

Questions: YAC@penfieldsymphony.org

PSO@PenfieldSymphony.org

(585) 872-0774

Application Due Date

January 6, 2020

The audition schedule will be sent to applicants no later than January 13th.

Audition Date

February 1, 2020

Auditions will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until all students have been heard. Please reserve the entire morning.

First-Place Winner Performance

May 4, 2020

Winners will be required to submit a high resolution photo and biography by March 1, 2020.

Biography should contain at least 15 sentences. Photo must be at least 300 dpi and 5" x 8" or larger.

Please send completed application with a non-refundable application fee of \$20 to:

Penfield Symphony Orchestra
1587 Jackson Road
Penfield, New York 14526