



Confirmation of Recorded Performance

This is to confirm that the enclosed CD recording of the piano concerto being sent to the Preliminary Piano Concerto Competition of the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra Association, Kankakee, Illinois is an unaltered recording of performance by

Contestant's Name

made on _____
Date

SIGNED:

(1) Contestant's piano instructor: _____

Instructor's school: _____

City: _____

I hereby declare the enclosed CD recording to be an unaltered recording of my own performance:

Signed: _____
Contestant's Name

**Send to: Mr. Kenneth Bade, Competition Chairman,
P.O. Box 52, Kankakee, Illinois 60901**

Email: musicman10@ameritech.net

16. If the winner or runner-up is unable to fulfill the April concert requirements, he/she automatically forfeits all honors, awards and prize money.
17. The runner-up will be awarded \$600, to be mailed immediately following the final competition. Remaining finalists will be sent checks for \$300 and travel expenses to Bourbonnais. Reimbursement will be paid at the rate of forty cents per mile with a \$115 maximum. Mileage estimates used will be those published by AAA.
18. **The winner of the finals may be requested to prepare program notes.**
19. **ENTRY FORM AVAILABLE, if needed - musicman10@ameritech.net**
20. The winner of the finals may not compete the following year.

Grace Burrell Small

Grace Burrell Small was born in 1890 in LaSalle, IL. She moved to Kankakee as a young girl when her father opened a foundry known as the Burrell Manufacturing Company. After graduating from Kankakee High School, she taught school in St. Anne, Limestone Township, and at Franklin School in Kankakee. In 1912, she married Leslie C. Small, publisher of *The Daily Journal* and son of an Illinois Governor, Len Small.

Grace and Leslie Small were parents of two sons: Len H. Small, who became the publisher of *The Journal* and chief executive officer of seven other Midwest newspapers until the time of his death, and Burrell L. Small, who served as president and chairman of Mid America Media Group, which operated 11 radio and cable television stations in six states.

Mrs. Small was active in numerous clubs and community organizations including Asbury United Methodist Church, Zonta International, Lyric and Travel Club, The Kankakee County Historical Society, and the Riverside Medical Center Auxillary. She was also a 50-year member of the Kankakee Woman's Club and a charter member of the Kankakee Kultivators. Among the contributions to the community by Mr. and Mrs. Small were the Centennial Room at Small Memorial Park and the large stained-glass west window at Asbury United Methodist Church.

The medallion which is presented each year to the winner of the piano competition is named in honor of Grace B. Small.

36th Annual Piano Concerto Competition

For ages 17 - 35 years

Sponsored by the



Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra Association

and the

Len H. Small Family

TOM and DEBORAH SMALL, JENNIFER SMALL, LEN R. and MARIE FRANCE SMALL

Preliminary CD Deadline - Feb. 1, 2012
Final Competition - March 3, 2012

Winner to perform with the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra Saturday, April 14, 2012 • 7:30 p.m. Kankakee, Illinois

ALLAN DENNIS
Music Director/Conductor

Email: symphony@kvso.org
Website: www.kvso.org
Telephone: 1-815-933-3119

Reasons for the competition

To help launch the career of worthy young performing artists.

To broaden the awareness of and increase interest in the activities of the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra Association.

This competition is known as an "area" competition. This means that piano instructors in colleges and universities in the states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Minnesota will be sent this form for their student's consideration.

If a prospective entrant is studying piano in another state but is a resident of one of the above mentioned states, that person is eligible.

Rules governing the preliminary competition:

(PLEASE CHECK BOXES 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 BEFORE MAILING CD ENTRY! THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.)

1. Contestants must be seventeen (17) through thirty-five (35) years of age, inclusive.

2. Contestants may choose a piano concerto from the following **suggested** composers. (Contact chairman if there is a question regarding a composer)

Barber	Grieg	Mozart	Schoenberg
Beethoven	Kabalevsky	Prokofieff	Schumann
Brahms	Khachaturian	Rachmaninoff	Shostakovich
Chopin	Liszt	Ravel	Tschaikovsky
Gershwin	Mendelssohn	Saint-Saens	Weber

(The above are suggestions)

3. Contestants must submit a contestant's application form accompanied by a \$20.00 entrance fee **made payable to Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra Association**. This application must be sent to:

Mr. Kenneth Bade, Competition Chairman
P.O. Box 52, Kankakee, Illinois 60901

All applications, entrance fees, and CD recorded performances must be received no later than February 1, 2012. **None accepted after February 1, 2012. CD received without proper application and entrance fees will not be judged.** (Orchestra part may be played on second piano.) **All concerto movements are to be included in the CD presentation.**

4. Contestants must include in their application the name of the concerto which they will play at the competition.

5. Contestants are to make a CD recording of their concerto. It is of great advantage to the contestant if the recording is done well. CDs poorly done do not leave a positive impression on adjudicators. (It is suggested that the piano be tuned before recording.) **The recording must contain no speaking by anyone. Please check microphone location for second piano.**

6. The contestant's CD recording accompanied by the Confirmation of Recorded Performance, properly signed, must be sent to the address given in number three. **All CDs must be recorded no earlier than January 1, 2012.**

7. Contestants are **required** to include with their application a **glossy photograph** of themselves, **suitable for publicity purposes, no larger than 5" x 7"**, and a **DETAILED BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH** describing musical training, etc. **This is most important!! If these are not included, the CD will not be judged! Biographical sketch must be done in "STORY FORM".**

8. CDs submitted will be judged by a panel of musicians, and no more than five (5) finalists will be chosen to compete at Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, Illinois (just north of Kankakee, Illinois) on Saturday, March 3, 2012, beginning at 11 a.m. Judges of the preliminary and final competition will not be informed of the performers' identities until the judging has been completed.

9. The judges reserve the right to declare no winners in the preliminary contest.

10. CDs will be ranked in numerical order. **FINALISTS (ONLY) WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THEIR ELIGIBILITY** following the preliminary competition. If any finalist should choose not to participate in the final competition, the next ranking contestant will be eligible to compete in the finals.

11. **Pictures or CDs WILL NOT be returned unless indicated by checking this box.**

12. The finalists chosen in the preliminary competition will be **notified by telephone** no later than **February 10, 2012** that they are eligible for the final competition.

13. Finalists will compete on Saturday, March 3, 2012 beginning at 11 a.m. at the Olivet Nazarene University Campus, Bourbonnais, Illinois. **Each finalist will perform the concerto included on his/her preliminary competition CD recording.** (A pianist for the orchestra will be provided by the **contestant**). There will be at least three (3) judges.

14. Finalists must have their concerto memorized **and all movements are to be played.**

15. The winner of the March 3, 2012 final competition will be presented in concert on Saturday, April 14, 2012 as part of the last program of the season of Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra. Presentation of \$2000, the Grace B. Small Award, will be made following the concert. Motel accommodations for two nights will be provided for the performer only! No mileage given.

36th Annual Piano Concerto Competition



For ages 17 - 35 years

Sponsored by the
**Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra Association
and The Len H. Small Family**

Contestant's Application Blank

Please **PRINT** clearly or TYPE.

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____ Age: _____
(last) (first) (middle)

PRESENT mailing address: _____ **Email address:** _____
(PRINTED CLEARLY)

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Tel. No. () _____
(PRINTED CLEARLY)

Home address (if different from above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Tel. No. () _____
(PRINTED CLEARLY)

School in which currently enrolled: _____

Listed below is the concerto I wish to play:

I have read the rules of the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra Association's Piano Competition, and I agree to abide by them and the decision of the judges. I also understand that my proposed concerto is subject to the approval of the Contest Committee and that, if I should win the competition, I will perform with the orchestra on April 14, 2012. If I cannot perform with the orchestra, I will forfeit all honors, awards and prize money.

Date: _____ Contestant's signature: _____

Enclosed find entrance fee of \$20 in the form of: personal check or money order.

The contestant is also reminded to enclose all items in rules numbered 3, 4, 6 and 7 of preliminary competition and to avoid writing his/her name on the CD container. Names may be included on the return address of the mailing wrapper. CD box should contain the entrant's name inside.

THIS ENTIRE FORM MAY BE DUPLICATED