

**Fischoff National Chamber Music Association
2011 FISCHOFF EDUCATOR AWARD**

Official Rules & Entry Form

Please photocopy and share all entry information with your ensemble.

Fischoff is delighted to launch a new national award, the FISCHOFF EDUCATOR AWARD. This award will recognize the educational outreach work of Fischoff Competition alumni who have demonstrated outstanding and imaginative programming for children and youth in the United States. In keeping with Fischoff's educational mission, the FISCHOFF EDUCATOR AWARD will provide national recognition in the field and reward the work of dedicated chamber music ensembles who passionately believe in sharing their experiences and love of chamber music with new generations. Competitors up to and including the 2010 Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition are eligible to apply for the FISCHOFF EDUCATOR AWARD. **Please note: this award is completely separate from Fischoff Competition entry requirements or acceptance.**

ENTRY DEADLINE

Entries must be received by 5:00 pm, EST, **Wednesday, June 16, 2010**. Overnight or Priority mail is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**. Late or incomplete entries will not be accepted.

ELIGIBILITY

The FISCHOFF EDUCATOR AWARD is open to all Fischoff Competition alumni who are now part of a performing chamber music ensemble of 3-6 musicians. At least 50% of the ensemble's members must verify that they participated in the live rounds of the Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition up to and including 2010. (Ensemble members need not have participated in the same ensemble during their Fischoff Competition performance.) The Award will not be awarded to ensembles that have more than one piano or are vocal in nature. No individual may enter in more than one ensemble. Changes in personnel will not be allowed once the entry form is received in the Fischoff office. All members of the ensemble must appear in the entry DVD.

AWARDS

The winning ensemble will receive:

- national exposure and publicity recognizing the ensemble's outstanding work in the field of chamber music education
- a residency week as part of Fischoff's award-winning Arts-in-Education Residency (expenses included)
- a cash award of \$1,500 per ensemble member (\$4,500 trio; \$6,000 quartet; \$7,500 quintet, \$9,000 sextet)

ENTRY MATERIALS

Any questions regarding the entry process should be directed to Pam O'Rourke before submission. You will receive an email acknowledgement once your entry is processed.

Please mail the following materials to Fischoff:

- Entry DVD
- Entry Form
- DVD Recording and Program Information Form
- Ensemble Biography
- Two letters of recommendation from presenters who have engaged the ensemble to perform educational programming for children ages 18 and younger (within the past two years)
- One-page narrative describing the ensemble's educational programming within the past 2 years
- Current press kit and photo if available

Mail the above materials to: THE FISCHOFF EDUCATOR AWARD
 Attn: Pam O'Rourke
 302 Brownson Hall
 University of Notre Dame
 Notre Dame, IN 46556

Please direct questions to: pam@fischoff.org 574-631-2903 www.fischoff.org

DVD REQUIREMENTS

The audition video recording must be DVD format with audio. Audio cassettes, video cassettes and CD recordings will not be accepted.

The DVD requirements are as follows:

- DVD must be clearly identified with the ensemble's name, as well as each track's program title, date, location of recording, and audience description.
- DVD must capture performances of the ensemble in 2 separate educational programs for children ages 18 and younger, including the following types of programs:
 - a program/workshop for children (grades K-6); and,
 - a master class or workshop for youth (grades 7-12).
- DVD must be at least 45 minutes in length.
- The programs must have taken place within the past two years (June 16, 2008 –June 16, 2010).
- The "best" 10-minute cut of the entire DVD must begin the program followed immediately by the entire unedited 45-minute version.
- Musicians and audience must be simultaneously visible in the video screen for a portion of each performance.

***For the best audio quality, ensembles are encouraged to use external microphones and the external microphone source on the video recorder.** Ensembles are responsible for submitting DVDs that are in working order and compatible with standard U.S. DVD playing equipment. For more information on suggested methods of making the audition DVD, visit the Fischhoff website: www.fischhoff.org >> Educator Award. Please provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you wish to have your DVD returned to you.

SCREENING GUIDELINES

A screening panel of no less than 4 education and music specialists will evaluate all materials and select the winner. The screening panel will evaluate the written materials and listen and watch each DVD for engagement of the audience, creative educational techniques and methods, achievement of a clear goal, and overall performance effect. Decisions made by the panel are final.

The opening segment of the DVD must be no longer than ten minutes in length. It should showcase the entire ensemble and audience. It should be "faded out" if necessary at the ten-minute mark. This is the first segment seen and heard in the initial screening process and is the single-most important point in the screening process. The initial ten minutes can come from any part of the program. A program may exceed 45 minutes by a considerable margin but only the first 45 minutes will be viewed.

Each ensemble's contact person will be notified by e-mail of the panel's decision by early August. Announcement of the winner will be placed on the Fischhoff website in August, 2010.

AWARDS

The FISCHOFF EDUCATOR AWARD winner will participate in a **5-7 day Arts-in-Education Residency**, which will take place in Northern Indiana during the 2011-2012 academic year. The Residency will include 11-12 activities, such as: school programs, master classes, workshops and community concerts. The programs of the residency will be built through the collaboration of the winning ensemble and Fischhoff's Staff. **PLEASE NOTE: All members of the ensemble must be able to perform the Arts-in-Education Residency in order to be eligible for THE FISCHOFF EDUCATOR AWARD.*** Fischhoff will book and cover travel (from within the contiguous United States), and hotel expenses for the residency. The winning ensemble will be paid an honorarium of **\$1,500 per ensemble member** at the conclusion of the Arts-in-Education Residency.

*** NOTE:** Failure by the ensemble to perform the entire Arts-in-Education Residency may result in forfeiture of the FISCHOFF EDUCATOR AWARD, its publicity and cash award. The FISCHOFF EDUCATOR AWARD may subsequently be awarded to an alternate ensemble. Fischhoff also reserves the right to cancel the FISCHOFF EDUCATOR AWARD and its attending residency at its discretion.

PUBLICITY The FISCHOFF EDUCATOR AWARD winner will be featured on the Fischhoff website and in the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition program book, as well as in press releases sent to news outlets across the United States. Announcements will also be displayed in appropriate journals. Every effort will be made to recognize the winner of this new national award.

The FISCHOFF EDUCATOR AWARD

Entry Form

Please print and mail this completed form with your entry.

ENSEMBLE INFORMATION

Ensemble Name: _____ Type of Ensemble: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Ensemble's E-mail: _____ Ensemble's Website: _____
Designated Ensemble Contact Name: _____
Cell phone: _____ Day Phone: _____ Eve. Phone: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
E-mail: _____ Website: _____
Current employment position(s) held by ensemble: (Attach a separate page as needed.) _____

Please provide requested information below to help us with effective marketing.

How did your ensemble learn about the FISCHOFF EDUCATOR AWARD?

Publication name: _____ Fischoff's website: yes _____ no _____
Other website address: _____ Friend/teacher/coach: _____
Other source: _____

The following statement must be signed by an ensemble member: "I certify that this ensemble meets all eligibility and entry requirements. I affirm that each ensemble member is aware of and will abide by all the FISCHOFF EDUCATOR AWARD rules. Each member is informed of and accepts all responsibilities implied and stated with this entry."

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Member 1 - Name: _____ Instrument _____ E-mail: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Cell phone: _____ Day Phone: _____ Eve. Phone: _____
Have you ever performed at the Fischoff Competition? _____ If yes, what was your ensemble's name? _____
Was your ensemble a prize winner? _____ If yes, what division _____ prize _____ year _____

Member 2 - Name: _____ Instrument _____ E-mail: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Cell phone: _____ Day Phone: _____ Eve. Phone: _____
Have you ever performed at the Fischoff Competition? _____ If yes, what was your ensemble's name? _____
Was your ensemble a prize winner? _____ If yes, what division _____ prize _____ year _____

Member 3 - Name: _____ Instrument _____ E-mail: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Cell phone: _____ Day Phone: _____ Eve. Phone: _____
Have you ever performed at the Fischoff Competition? _____ If yes, what was your ensemble's name? _____
Was your ensemble a prize winner? _____ If yes, what division _____ prize _____ year _____

Member 4 - Name: _____ Instrument _____ E-mail: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Cell phone: _____ Day Phone: _____ Eve. Phone: _____
Have you ever performed at the Fischoff Competition? _____ If yes, what was your ensemble's name? _____
Was your ensemble a prize winner? _____ If yes, what division _____ prize _____ year _____

Member 5 - Name: _____ Instrument _____ E-mail: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Cell phone: _____ Day Phone: _____ Eve. Phone: _____
Have you ever performed at the Fischoff Competition? _____ If yes, what was your ensemble's name? _____
Was your ensemble a prize winner? _____ If yes, what division _____ prize _____ year _____

Member 6 - Name: _____ Instrument _____ E-mail: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Cell phone: _____ Day Phone: _____ Eve. Phone: _____
Have you ever performed at the Fischoff Competition? _____ If yes, what was your ensemble's name? _____
Was your ensemble a prize winner? _____ If yes, what division _____ prize _____ year _____

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DVD Recording and Program Information Form
Please print and mail this completed form with the DVD.

The DVD must begin with the "best" **10-minute excerpt** from the entire DVD in addition to **at least 45 minutes** of total playing time. The programs performed on the DVD do not necessarily have to be included in the Fischhoff Arts-in-Education Residency week, should your ensemble win. However, the DVD must be performed by the same players who would appear in the Fischhoff Arts-in-Education Residency.

Ensemble Name: _____

Preliminary 10-Minute Excerpt: Program Title: _____

Children's Program (grades K-6): Program Title: _____

Program Recording Date: _____ Program Location: _____

Performed within the past 2 years and verifiable with the following presenter: _____

Presenter's Phone: _____ Presenter's website: _____ Email: _____

Audience Description: _____

Program Outline (description): _____

Program Goal/Objective: _____

Master Class or Workshop (grades 7-12): Program Title: _____

Program Recording Date: _____ Program Location: _____

Performed within the past 2 years and verifiable with the following presenter: _____

Presenter's Phone: _____ Presenter's website: _____ Email: _____

Audience Description: _____

Program Outline (description): _____

Program Goal/Objective: _____

