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## **Kennett Symphony of Chester County Announces Annual Voice Competition**

KENNETT SQUARE, PA –

Each March, the Kennett Symphony of Chester County hosts an annual vocal competition that allows talented young artists to display their gifts, as part of the Symphony's mission to provide opportunities for emerging musicians. Under the direction of Maestra Mary Woodmansee Green and organized by Mr. and Mrs. David F. Gilbert, the 2010 Voice Competition will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010, beginning at 1:00 pm, in the auditorium of Kendal at Longwood, Kennett Square, PA. The competition is open to the public, free of charge, and offers a wonderful opportunity to hear and encourage these gifted young singers.

The competition is limited to twenty singers, age 18-26 as of January 1, 2010. Competitors must perform three operatic, oratorio or concert arias from the 18th to the 21<sup>st</sup> centuries, with at least one in English. Judges will award prizes to first, second, and third place winners, ranging from one hundred to five hundred dollars, and the first place finalist will be invited to perform in a Kennett Symphony concert. Applications are available on the Kennett Symphony website [www.kennettsymphony.org](http://www.kennettsymphony.org) or by e-mailing [dfgilbert@comcast.net](mailto:dfgilbert@comcast.net).

The Kennett Symphony maintains a strong commitment to *BEYOND THE MUSIC*, education and outreach programs that include three Young Artist competitions, free Children's Concerts with Instrument Petting Zoo, and its affiliation with the Kennett Symphony's Children's Chorus. In addition, the Symphony presents a wide range of symphonic music at an affordable price to entertain and enrich the lives of audiences from far and wide with its winter and summer concert series.

Both of the Kennett Symphony's Voice and Instrumental Competitions are underwritten in part by The Mushroom Festival and Kennett Run Charities. The Symphony will also sponsor a Junior Instrumental Competition for children in grades 4 -8 on Saturday, February 27, at Kendal at Longwood. More information about all of the Kennett Symphony programs is available at [www.kennettsymphony.org](http://www.kennettsymphony.org)

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