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More than 200 musicians to vie for Walgreens title

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The Walgreens National Concerto Competition, hosted by Midwest Young Artists, will draw more than 200 young musicians from across the country from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 878 Lyster Road, Fort Sheridan.

Judging the 12th annual competition are nationally known musicians and educators from top conservatories around the country.

Open to all instruments, including voice, the competition is divided into two levels, junior and senior. The junior level, open to eighth-grade or younger musicians, will compete Thursday. The senior level, open to ninth- through 12th-grade students, will compete Friday.

In addition, the competition is split into two divisions: the Midwest Young Artists Division and the Open Division.

The Midwest Young Artists Division is open to students who participate in the Midwest Young Artists orchestra program. All other entries participate in the open division.

More than \$10,000 in prizes will be awarded. Overall winners will perform with the Midwest Young Artists Concert and Symphony Orchestras Feb. 18 at the Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University in Evanston.

The winner of the Midwest Young Artists Division will perform on the From the Top radio program with host Christopher O'Riley.

Tickets cost \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for students and seniors and can be bought at the door.