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NATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION  
AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

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## 2008 COMPETITION FINALISTS TO PERFORM FULL CONCERTO WITH MILWAUKEE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

PianoArts announces that the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra will be the official orchestra for the 2008 PianoArts National Piano Competition and Music Festival. Three of the competition's finalists will perform a full concerto with the Orchestra during the prize round on June 24, 2008. Conducting will be PianoArts Music Director Andrews Sill. Prizes total over \$18,000, and include a scholarship to attend the 2009 International Keyboard Institute and Festival at Mannes College of Music in New York City.

Open to contestants ages 15 – 19, the Semifinals and Finals will be held June 19 – 24, 2008 in Milwaukee. The postmark deadline for the preliminary DVD or VHS Video submission is March 15, 2008. Contestants must submit a performance of the first movement of a Mozart or Beethoven concerto from the PianoArts required repertory list with a second pianist performing the orchestral reduction, and a solo work of the contestant's choice. All contestants entering the Preliminary Round will receive written comments from three judges. On the basis of this round, twelve contestants will advance to the Semifinal Round held in June. Required repertory is on the PianoArts Web site at [www.PianoArts.org](http://www.PianoArts.org).

Semifinalists will perform solos, a concerto and a violin/piano duo or a cello/piano duo with a musician from the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. In addition, contestants will perform in a workshop with a professional chamber music ensemble, and participate in classes led by world-class musicians on topics such as perfecting stage presence and speaking to audiences about music. All will have one-on-one conferences with Music Director Andrews Sill and the panel of judges, including Victor Rosenbaum, Nelita True and Diane Walsh.

Contestants may contact their local Steinway dealers for possible assistance in taping their DVD or VHS videotapes. Entrance fees are \$75 for the Preliminary Round and \$200 for the Semifinal Round. For more information, required repertory, official rules, and the application, please phone PianoArts Founder Sue Medford at 414-962-3055, Ext. 3, contact through E-mail at [Info@PianoArts.org](mailto:Info@PianoArts.org), or visit the Web site at [www.pianoarts.org](http://www.pianoarts.org).

*The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Andreas Delfs, Music Director, has received rave reviews for concerts throughout the United States, Europe, Japan, and Cuba. The MSO's nationally syndicated radio broadcasts are heard on more than 225 stations throughout the country and its education programs are among the most highly regarded of any major American symphony orchestra. The MSO is the first American orchestra to distribute recordings through digital music stores on the e-label, MSO Classics.*