

# SPHINX

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## ORGANIZATION

Facts about  
**The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Sphinx Competition**  
Presented by Chase

- Selected from a national pool of applicants, 18 Semi-finalists will travel to Detroit and Ann Arbor for five days of competition.
  - Nine semi-finalists under age 18 compete in the Junior Division.
  - Ten semi-finalists ages 18-26 compete in the Senior Division.
- From among the 19 semi-finalists, the top three participants from each division will be named Laureates and will perform with the Sphinx Symphony Orchestra for first, second, and third places.
- Prizes include over \$100,000 in scholarships and cash prizes, as well as solo performances with major orchestras nationwide and a performance on National Public Radio's *From the Top*.
- 2009 Semi-finalists
  - Come from 12 states
  - Range in age from 14 to 25
  - Include two, double bassists, four cellists, four violists, and nine violinists
- Semi-finals repertoire includes works by J.S. Bach, Mozart, Dittersdorf, William Grant Still, Stamitz, L. Brown, and Boccherini.
- Both the Junior Division Honors Concert and the Senior Division Finals Concert feature the Sphinx Symphony Orchestra.
  - The Sphinx Symphony Orchestra includes musicians from around the world, including past and present members of the Detroit, Atlanta, New Mexico, Charlotte and Ft. Worth Symphonies.
  - The Guest Conductor will be Detroit native Damon Gupton
- The Finals Concert will include a performance by special guest artists Elena Urioste & Melissa White, both 1<sup>st</sup> place laureates of the Sphinx Competition.
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