

**AUDITIONS: SATURDAY MARCH 11, 2017**  
**Application Deadline: Monday FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

**ADVANCED STUDENTS IN MUSIC**  
***BELL T. RITCHIE AWARD***

**Established in 1981, the Bell T. Ritchie Awards are made at the committee's discretion to classically trained musicians who are career oriented and ready to enter a professional field.**

**CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS:** A maximum of eight (8) musicians will be invited to audition for an award, with preference given to residents of California and students studying in California. Awards are made on the basis of talent, presentation, financial need and career promise. The adjudicators' decisions are final. Recipients will not be granted awards in consecutive years. Candidates may apply for only one award category per audition season. Award recipients will be asked to submit a (digital) publicity photo to ***awardphotos@fresnomusicalclub.org*** for the Fresno Musical Club website. Former 1<sup>st</sup> place winners of the Bell T. Ritchie Award may not re-apply to this category.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Applicant will be notified of time, location, and date of audition within two weeks of the application deadline. Applicant will be responsible for providing an accompanist, if needed. An application will not be accepted without the name of the confirmed accompanist.

Applicant should prepare a memorized 20-minute program of varied styles and techniques. The committee will listen to at least 10 minutes of music. Please provide one (1) copy of the music and four (4) copies of the audition program for the committee at the audition.

**Singers:** (ages 25 – 32) program must include a major operatic aria.

**Instrumentalists:** (ages 21 -28) program may include one movement of a concerto.

**Pianists:** (ages 21 – 28) program may include one movement of a concerto.  
(Accompanist not required for pianists.)

**All applicants:** Please list additional repertory ready to perform at audition.

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**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

**1.) MAIL** the completed BT Ritchie Award application to: BT Ritchie Award Chairman, Fresno Musical Club, **PO Box 9892, Fresno CA 93794-0892**

The application must be accompanied by a \$30.00 non-refundable **entry fee**, one (1) copy of the **audition program**, three (3) completed **recommendations**, and the name of applicant's confirmed **accompanist** (if needed).

**2.) EMAIL** a (digital) PUBLICITY PHOTO (.jpg or .jpeg; 72 dpi; about one (1) MB) to [awardphotos@fresnomusicalclub.org](mailto:awardphotos@fresnomusicalclub.org). \*Include YOUR NAME + BTR AWARD in the subject line. \*\*Sending the photo gives permission for the Fresno Musical Club to use the photo on their website and for future publicity.

**3.) EVENTS SCHEDULE:**

The completed BT Ritchie Award **application and all attachments** (including the emailed photo) must be **POST-MARKED** by Monday **February 6, 2017**.

Bell T. Ritchie Award **Auditions** will be held Saturday **March 11, 2017**.

# Fresno Musical Club

Bell T. Ritchie Award  
Advanced Students in Music

Audition Saturday March 11, 2017  
Application Deadline February 6, 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    Last                      First                      Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    Street                      City                      State      Zip

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Voice: \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanist \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Award recipients will be asked to submit a (digital) publicity photo for the Fresno Musical Club website [awardphotos@fresnomusicalclub.org](mailto:awardphotos@fresnomusicalclub.org). Award recipients may be invited to perform at future Fresno Musical Club events.

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(Accompanist not required for pianists.)

**INSTRUMENTALISTS:** (ages 21- 28) program may include one movement of a concerto.

**ALL APPLICANTS:** Please list additional repertory ready to perform at audition.

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Fresno Musical Club  
PO Box 9892  
Fresno CA 93794 – 0892

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- \*A \$30.00 non-refundable ENTRY FEE (payable to Fresno Musical Club)
- \*One (1) copy of the audition PROGRAM
- \*Three (3) completed RECOMMENDATIONS
- \*Name of confirmed ACCOMPANIST

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**EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE (Use reverse side for additional space.)**

List all teachers of instrument or voice, with addresses and dates of study with each.

List schools and/or colleges, with dates, you have attended or are now attending, and degrees earned.

List music scholarships, awards, or contests won (with dates).

List any important public appearances (with dates)

List your present teacher. \_\_\_\_\_

List major repertory.

Give a statement of your background, future plans, ambitions, and your need for an award.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Please supply three recommendations from people who know your work in music.

First Recommendation:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address City State Zip

Second Recommendation:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address City State Zip

Third Recommendation:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address City State Zip

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION FORM**

**(to be completed by the applicant's three recommenders,  
And returned by applicant to BTR committee )**

Your assistance in providing an evaluation of this award applicant would be appreciated. Please complete this form and return it in a sealed envelope to the applicant for mailing to:

**B T RITCHIE AWARD Chairman  
Fresno Musical Club  
PO Box 9892  
Fresno CA 93794 – 0892**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

How long and in what capacity have you known applicant?

Do you consider this student's choice of proposed vocation to be realistic? Please explain:

Please make a frank evaluation of this applicant's sincerity of purpose, need for award and chance of success. Use reverse side, if necessary.

With what degree of confidence do you recommend this applicant for an award?

\_\_\_\_\_ High \_\_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position

\_\_\_\_\_  
Educational Institution

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Deadline Date:   **FEBRUARY 6, 2017**    
(NO EXCEPTIONS)

Thank you.