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WQCS Schedules April Student Auditions For Young Musicians Spotlight

Music students in the four-county area, northern Palm Beach and south Brevard counties are invited to audition for public radio station WQCS / 88.9 FM's popular **Young Musicians Spotlight**, a one-hour radio special featuring the talent of young musicians.

The auditions will be Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the WQCS Studios on the Main Campus of Indian River State College, 3209 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce. The auditions are the first step to a performance on the station's locally-produced music special.

Students, under the age of 21, can sign up for an audition time on either Saturday. The students can perform on piano, violin, trumpet, marimbas, cello, harp, vocals and more. Each performer is allocated a 15-minute audition time, presenting a classical, jazz or Broadway music selection, less than four minutes in length. Each performer will be recorded by WQCS during the audition.

Solo performances or ensembles of 5 or less are accepted for a studio audition. Larger groups must provide a professionally-recorded CD to be considered. Any audition needing an accompanist must be provided by the music student. A piano is available in the WQCS studios. Recorded accompaniment is not allowed.

A completed program application requests personal information, the name of the composer and the music selection, and other general information about awards received in music and other school and performance recognition. This information will be used for interviews, depending upon how many students are selected for the one-hour special.

Students are asked to register for an audition time by completing an online form on the WQCS home page at www.wqcs.org and emailing the completed form to YMS@wqcs.org. Please bring a printed copy of the application form to the scheduled audition.

Young Musicians Spotlight is underwritten by Shann's Tax Service, Inc. in Port St. Lucie. Past performers, who have appeared on **Young Musicians Spotlight**, have studied at Interlochen School of Music in Michigan, Duke University, Manhattan School of Music, Juilliard School of Music and other college and conservatory programs.

The WQCS broadcast date of the one-hour special will be Monday, May 19 at 2 p.m. and Monday, May 26 at 8 p.m. on the main channel and HD1 and on Sunday, May 25 at 1 p.m. on HD2. The HD channels are available at www.wqcs.org.

For additional information, please contact Michele Peters at 772.462.7813 or at YMS@wqcs.org.

DIRECTIONS: For those who have not visited the WQCS studios, the public radio station is located on the Main Campus of Indian River State College at 3209 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce. The radio station is a one-story building in the middle of campus and located under a 500 foot broadcast tower. Parking is available in front of the radio station.