



**INFORMATION FOR CONTESTANTS
at the
International Whistlers Convention
and Music Festival
2010**

The Annual International Whistlers Convention is normally held in Louisburg, North Carolina on the third or fourth weekend in April. **For 2010 the dates are May 26-30 and the place is Qingdao, China.** The Convention is a musical festival of whistlers who share a common interest in the art of whistling, in competition, in concerts, in seminars, in training classes, at dinners, at school programs, and will also have a chance to appreciate Chinese culture and sceneries. The convention is also a time for non-whistlers to support whistling and for whistlers' fans to join the festival of events.

EVENTS SCHEDULE

May 26, WED	Pre-selection for the adult competitions. Visit the Qingdao Whistling School. International Whistling School Seminar for Beginners
	Night: Reception and Banquet
May 27, Thursday	Adults and Seniors Classical and Popular First-round Competition
May 28, Friday	Children and Teenagers Competition
	Allied arts Competition
May 29, Saturday	Morning: Adults and Seniors Classical and Popular Final Competition
	Afternoon: Awards presentation
	Night: Closing Dinner Party
May 30, Sunday	International Whistling School Seminar for Advanced whistlers

WHISTLING COMPETITION, May 27-29, 2010 Qingdao China

If the applicant has not previously been a contestant at the International Whistlers Convention, a cassette tape or CD recording of two or more songs in each contest category is required to be submitted to the IWC not later than *February 28, 2010*. Contestants may choose one or more of the categories listed below. But for serious whistlers whose goal is **to become an international grand champion, they must enter both the classical and popular categories** and be prepared to have different songs if in the finals. Competition is a solo performance. (If the judges declare a tie, the finalists will need an additional song, and the contestant must be prepared with a piece that has not been performed at this 2010 competition.)

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM

Each Whistling Competition contestant must complete a separate Application Form. If attending additional Whistling Seminar participants and/or making additional reservations for the meals, you may do those on your application form.

Print or Type very carefully, particularly your name and address so that mail or email gets to you instead of returned to IWC. Circle "Male" or "Female." List name in box as it is to appear on name tag. Be sure to put the birth date for child, teen and senior contestants. If you are coming early from another country and will have a Chinese address/phone/email

address, please list any/all of these in the space provided showing the dates when to use this information. Then complete page 2 of the application before filling in Fees/Costs.

On page 2 of Application Form:

#1. INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL SEMINARS FOR WHISTLERS: The International School for Whistlers provides an opportunity for students of all ages to receive training in the art of whistling. It has a professional and distinguished director/teacher, and depending on the number of applications, has other teachers. Some of the subjects covered are: techniques and performance; history and appreciation of melodic whistling; tone, rhythm, pitch, vibrato; stage presence; self-confidence; and whistling styles. Enter number registering in the box, including yourself if you are attending the seminar. List names as they should appear on name tags with a "B" (Beginner) or "A" (Advanced).

#2. WHISTLING COMPETITION: check the appropriate box and category (ies) for your entry. In each section, on the appropriate line put the total Fees for each event. Each contestant must submit a separate application.

#3. RECEPTION/BANQUET, May 26. This is free for all attendants, complements of the host.

#4. CLOSING DINNER PARTY, May 29: enter number of reservations; we do not need names of those attending the dinners. Both dinners are at 6:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall of International Center at Qingdao University.

#5. LUNCH AND DINNER: For those people who would prefer to not go out, the dining hall will provide lunch and dinner at RMB40.00/person/meal. Each meal will be buffet style. Lunch and dinner coupons can be purchased at the registration desk when you arrive.

#5. NUMBER OF ROOMS TO RESERVE: The IWC China has reserved more than 100 rooms on the top of the International Center, where the convention will be held. Please reserve the number of rooms and length of your stay.

Name of the Hotel: The International Academic Exchange Center Hotel of Qingdao University

Address of the Hotel: 308 Ningxia Road, Shinan District, Qingdao China

Telephone: 86-532-85895220

Hotel name in Chinese: 青岛大学国际学术交流中心

Hotel address in Chinese: 青岛市南区 宁夏路 308 号

Judging: A judging panel consists of five members who must hear all contestants perform all selections. (The judges are chosen by the Franklin County Arts Council, for either their academic knowledge of music, the art of whistling, or other musical qualifications the Arts Council attributes as appropriate.) A rating scale of one (the lowest) to ten (the highest) is used to define quality in each of the following:

Technique: Grading value 50%

Breath Management (efficiency, support);

Whistle (focus, resonance, sonority, virtuosity);
Intonation (balance of tone, pitch);
Agility/Articulations (legato, marcato, staccato, aspitroto)

Presentation: Grading value 35%

Rhythm (accuracy, vitality);
Phrasing/Dynamics (nuances, expressions);
Style (appropriateness to the selection)

Performance: Grading value 15%

Visual State Appearance (facial and body language);
Dramatic Impact (empathy and projection of meaning)

MUSICAL SELECTIONS/TIME LIMITS:

Contestants are limited to only one selection in each category during the initial performance and as finalists. To avoid penalties, time should be no longer than five minutes on classical selections, four minutes on popular selections, or four minutes on allied arts.

ACCOMPANIMENT:

Recorded back-up music may support each selection. Please be sure to indicate on your entry form the choices you will use: a cappella, cassette, or CD. All sound equipment for your cassette or disc will be furnished by Convention technicians. If using cassette, the song to be performed must be at the beginning of each side of a tape. You will need a separate tape or CD for each number. Label each with your name, category, and title of music.

Please note:

Please make a copy of your application for your files. If you need to call us, the most immediate telephone is 86-532-82736659 (Chinese), 1-919-489-7768 (English, 9am-6pm U.S. EST), or Email: qdwhistle@hotmail.com & Web: <http://qdwhistle.com/>, www.cnwhistlesalon.com

We suggest that you print application front and back on one page. On a separate page, please include with your application updated information about yourself if you have attended before. If this is your first time, biographical information and a photo are required.

IWC CHINA Postal address in English	Postal address in Chinese
No.:84-10 Yanan Road Qingdao City China Zip code: 266023	中国青岛市延安路 84-10 266023

This information is for you to keep.

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Awards

A variety of awards are presented that may include trophies (made of Blue and White Porcelain), cash, plaques, certificates and sponsor awards.

International Grand Championships

Adults	1 st place, Male and Female	Cash Award and Trophy
	2 nd and 3 rd place, Male and Female	Trophy
Seniors	1 st place, Male and Female	Cash Award and Trophy
	2 nd and 3 rd place, Male and Female	Trophy
Teenagers	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd place, Male and Female	Trophy
Children	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd place, Male and Female	Trophy

Adult, Senior, teenage and Children's Divisions (classical and popular categories)

1st, 2nd and 3rd place – medallion

Allied Arts Division (all age categories)

1st and 2nd place – medallion

Entertainer of the Year (Achievement Award)

A plaque presented annually in memory of Lillian Williams, “America’s Whistling Sweetheart,” to a male and a female whistler who have achieved national or international recognition as an entertainer with other talents, in addition to whistling.

Hall of Fame Award

A plaque presented annually to a living whistler, or in memory of a whistler, of out-standing national or international distinction. It is the Convention’s highest award.

Special Awards

A plaque is presented for the contestant who has traveled the farthest distance. A plaque or certificate is presented to the individuals who are cited by the judges or the Arts Council as deserving of recognition other than the awards above. Examples may be an award for the senior whistler, or honors received from their peers or media, or audience favorite.

Honorable Mention Awards

Honorable mention awards will be provided for all contestants.

*** The judges or the Board of Directors of the Arts Council may disqualify any contestant whose performance, language, or behavior is disruptive, offensive, unethical, or unprofessional to the public. ***