

Concerto Competition

The **Intermediate Division** is open to current Academic Year Orchestra Program as well as Seattle Conservatory of Music students from Symphonette Orchestra and Debut Symphony Orchestra and the **Advanced Division** is open to current students from Junior Symphony Orchestra and Youth Symphony Orchestra (Seattle Conservatory of Music students not part of AYOP will be placed in the division that best fits their playing level). The winners selected from each division in the Concerto Competition will get the opportunity to play their winning concerto, or a movement of it upon artistic discretion, at one of SYSO's concert series either at the end of the 2021-2022 or during the 2022-2023 season.

THE COMPETITION

The competition takes place in two rounds.

The **Preliminary Round** consists of adjudicated evaluations of video recorded performances and teacher recommendation. We will start receiving application materials on August 31 through November 5, 2021, finalists will be announced on or before November 19.

The **Final Round** takes place on Sunday January 9, 2022. Finalists will perform their selected concerti with piano accompaniment for a jury of distinguished musicians. Competition winners will perform their concerti either during the 2021-2022 season or if unable to due to government regulations, then they would perform their concerti during the 2022-2023 Season.

THE PRELIMINARY ROUND

Applicants must submit a live, unedited video recording of a concerto or concerto movement of no more than 30 minutes in length. The recording must be in video format through an unlisted YouTube link. **Recordings with evidence of editing will be disqualified.** Candidates are strongly encouraged to select concerti from the standard repertoire (non-rentals) as budget allocations for music rental are limited.

HOW TO APPLY

In an email to janice@syso.org you will send your video recording, a letter of recommendation from your music teacher or other professional musician, a brief resume of your musical and educational history and the concerto competition application. You will be required to send by mail, your application fee of \$45. All materials including the check for \$45 are to be received no later than Monday, November 5, 2021.

FINAL ROUND

Applicants invited to proceed to the final round will be notified by email on or before November 16th. The final round takes place on Sunday January 9, 2022, if safe to do so. All finalists must be available to participate in person without exception. All finalists must provide their own accompanist. Applicants may prepare an entire concerto or a movement of a concerti. Winners of the competition must play the piece in concert that they entered in the competition. Competition winners will be notified by email on or before January 17, 2021

TIMELINE:

September 20-November 5, 2021: Applications available on SYSO website

November 5, 2021: Applications and audition recordings must be postmarked by this date

November 19, 2021: Notification to applicants of acceptance

Sunday, January 9, 2022: Concerto Finals; Location TBD

Sunday, January 17, 2022: Competition winners will be notified by email

Winners to be scheduled to perform either in the 2021-22 Season OR 2022-2023 Season TBA

SEATTLE YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS 2020-2021 CONCERTO COMPETITION

APPLICATION FORM:

Please complete this application form and email it or send it in the US mail with your check, recommendation(s), and brief resume. A video audition link will also need to be emailed to: janice@syso.org. Your submission must have all the above documentation to be considered.

NAME: _____ INSTRUMENT: _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ GRADE IN SCHOOL _____

NAME OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN: _____

LENGTH OF STUDY: _____ SYSO ORCHESTRA CURRENTLY ENROLLED: _____

REPERTOIRE: TITLE OF CONCERTO: _____

COMPOSER: _____

MOVEMENT(S) {if applicable} _____ TOTAL DURATION: _____ PUBLISHER: _____

The application process is as follows:

- 1) Please submit this application by either email to janice@syso.org or by mail to the address below.
- 2) Email a video audition through an unlisted YouTube link to janice@syso.org
- 3) Mail a check (no cash or credit card payments) to the address below.

All materials (including application fee) must be received by November 5, 2021

Signature of applicant: _____

Signature of parent or legal guardian: _____ Date: _____

Mail to:

Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra
Concerto Competition
11065 5th Ave NE Suite A
Seattle, WA 98125

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