



23rd Annual Young Artists Concerto Competition

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Competition Rules

Contestants must:

- be a resident of the Hampton Roads Area (including Williamsburg).
- submit a completed application form before due date on form.
- be age 12 through 21 at the time of the competition and concert.
- submit a \$25.00 application fee.
- submit a letter of reference from your school music director or private teacher.
- perform with an accompanist and provide the accompanist.
- bring 3 copies of the music to the audition for the judges.
- check a catalog (e.g. Lucks) for the availability of orchestral parts and score for your chosen concerto.
- be able to attend at least three rehearsals with YRSO to prepare for the concert.

Procedures

- Previous competition winners must wait one year before reapplying.
- Instrumental pieces must be one movement from standard concerto repertoire. Vocal works may be one long, two medium, or three short arias from an opera, musical, or a song cycle for voice and orchestra.
- Pieces should not exceed ten minutes in length. If necessary, portions of longer pieces may be cut.
- All orchestral accompaniments must be available for purchase or rental by YRSO.
- Contestants will be selected on the basis of the submission of all materials and fees on time, the completeness of the application form, the letter of reference, the availability and cost of orchestra parts for the concerto, the comparative level of difficulty or artistry required of the music, and the number of applicants.
- Selected contestants will be notified via e-mail or phone by Friday, November 7. Application fee will be returned if applicant is not selected to audition.
- You may email or text with any questions: Adrienne Vaughn: 757-810-0927, personnel@yrso.org.