



The Young People's Symphony Concert Association 65th Annual Concerto Competition *Guidelines for Students*

The Minnesota Orchestra Young People's Symphony Concert Association (YPSCA) announces the 2022 YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERTO COMPETITION for students in grades 7 through 12 who play one of the instruments consistently included within the Minnesota Orchestra. The top prize winner will be invited to perform with the Minnesota Orchestra in a set of Young People's Concerts in the 2022-2023 season and will receive the \$1,500 Edwin W. and Edith B. Norberg Trust Award. Other cash prizes will also be presented to Finalists.

KEY DATES and LOCATIONS:

Friday, January 14, 2022: Application Deadline
Saturday, February 5, 2022: (Virtual) Preliminary Round Video Submissions Due
Sunday, February 27, 2022: Final Round of the Competition at Orchestra Hall

APPLICATION:

Please review the information below before completing the online form found at https://www.cognitofrms.com/YPSCA/_65thAnnualYPSCAConcertoCompetition

A non-refundable application fee of \$50.00 must accompany each submission, due no later than January 14, 2022. Contact YPSCA with any questions at mail@ypsca.org

REPERTOIRE:

A major, standard-repertoire orchestral work with instrumental solo. Work with your teacher to select sections of the work that demonstrate both your technical and your lyrical performance abilities and your musical interpretation. Selection is subject to approval by the Competition Committee, which in some cases may allow new or non-standard repertoire.

PERFORMANCE:

1. Playing time:
 - a. Preliminary Round: 5 minutes
 - b. Final Round: 5 to 8 minutes
2. All music must be memorized.
3. Performances must be done with piano accompaniment; contestants must supply their own accompanists.
4. Contestants are not required to provide scores to the judges.
5. In the Final Round, contestants should be prepared to be stopped and asked to proceed to another section at the discretion of the judges.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR (VIRTUAL) PRELIMINARY ROUND:

1. After you submit your application, YPSCA will send you the link to a private Dropbox folder in which to insert your video.
2. Your Preliminary Round video is due to us by February 5, 2022.
3. Your video must be no more than 5 minutes long.
4. MP4 format is strongly preferred.
5. Your submission video should be one take (no editing), but cuts are fine as long as they're done in the context of one continuous take.
6. Finalists will be announced on February 14, 2022.

JUDGING:

Auditions are judged by experts in each area: strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion and keyboard.

ELIGIBLE INSTRUMENTS:

Violin, viola, cello, string bass, flute, piccolo, oboe, English horn, clarinet, bassoon, horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba, timpani, percussion, harp, keyboard.

Note: Any student who has performed as soloist with the Minnesota Orchestra as a result of winning the Competition in a prior year is not eligible to apply for the current Competition.