



2021 YOUNG ARTIST SOLO COMPETITION RULES

Preliminary Audition Video due March 1, 2021, 11:59 PM

Final in Person Audition: Saturday, March 20, 2021

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM First Federated Church,
3601 N. Sheridan Rd., Peoria, 61604

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must live and attend school within a 350-mile radius of Peoria, Illinois, and be pursuing a regular schedule of music lessons with a private teacher.
- Contestant must be a student in grades 7 – 12 as of the date of the Young Artist Solo Competition.
- Previous 1st place winners may compete again but cannot compete using the same instrument that they placed with during their winning year(s).

APPLICATION PROCESS

- The application, along with a non-refundable \$50 fee, must be submitted by Monday, February 1, 2021 (make checks payable to: Peoria Symphony Guild). Applicants will be notified of their acceptance into the competition and emailed information on how to upload their video.
- The musical selection must be a standard orchestral piece, with instrument or vocal solos. Find the approved repertoire list online at peoriasymphony.org/YAC. Other repertoire is subject to approval. The musical selection must be 10 to 15 minutes and performed from memory.
- Voice applicants must be at least 14 years of age or exhibit a mature tone.

COMPETITION

Auditions

- The preliminary audition will be submission of a single, uninterrupted tape of yourself performing the entire movement of your concerto by memory with an accompanist. Video may not be edited and must be submitted by 11:59 pm March 1, 2021. Finalists will be notified by March 10, 2021.
- The final round will be in person on Saturday, March 20, 2021. Finalists will receive instructions by email regarding their assigned practice and competition times.
- Accompanists must be provided by the contestants.
- The Peoria Symphony Guild will reserve the right, based on the decision of the judges, not to select a winner.
- Written comments of the judges will be provided to each contestant by mail following the competition.

COMPETITION WINNERS

- 1st place – \$1000, 2nd place – \$750, and 3rd place – \$500. A portion of these awards are made possible by the Donna Wilkinson Schwindenhammer Trust and the Peoria Symphony Guild.
- The winner will perform one selection with the Peoria Symphony Orchestra at the PSO's Annual Student Concert on Friday, April 30, 2021 at 10:00 AM and 11:45 AM in the Peoria Civic Center Theater. A practice time with the PSO will be coordinated by Maestro Stelluto.
- The winner will also perform at the Peoria Symphony Guild Spring Luncheon, May 4, 2021, 11:30 AM, at the Country Club of Peoria.
- The top three winners will need to do two outreach events in their communities. The Peoria Symphony Guild must receive sponsorship recognition for these outreach events.
- The winner in each division will get career/college consultation from a distinguished professional in their area (30-minute phone consultation).
- Additional performance opportunities in Peoria (TBD) and local prizes may be added later.

Rules, Application, and approved Repertoire are available online at peoriasymphony.org/yac.