



2022 YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION RULES



Application and Fee Due: Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Preliminary Audition Video Deadline:

Sunday, February 27, 2022 at 11:59 PM

Final In-Person Audition: Saturday, March 19, 2022

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Location TBD

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 \$60 fee, must be submitted by **Tuesday, February 1, 2022** (make checks payable to: *Peoria Symphony Guild*, 101 State Street, Peoria, IL 61602). 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 a minimum of 6 minutes with a maximum of 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 video 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 on Sunday, February 27, 2022**. Finalists will be notified by **Sunday, March 13, 2022**, and it will be published on the Guild's Facebook page.
- The final round will be in-person on **Saturday, March 19, 2022** in Peoria, Illinois. 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, to not select a winner.
- Written comments of the judges will be provided to each contestant by mail following the competition.

COMPETITION WINNERS

- 1st place – \$1,000, 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 Annual Student Concert on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 10:00 AM and 11:45 AM in the Peoria Civic Center Theater. A practice time with the Peoria Symphony Orchestra will be coordinated.
- The winner will also perform at the Peoria Symphony Guild Spring Luncheon on May 3, 2022 at 11:30 AM.
- Top three winners are requested to do two outreach events in their communities, with Peoria Symphony Guild to receive sponsorship recognition for these outreach events.
- Additional performance opportunities in Peoria (TBD) may be available later.

Rules, application, and approved repertoire are available online at peoriasymphony.org/yac.