



2023 PSG Young Artist Competition Rules



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The mission of the Young Artist Competition

Our mission is to give young artists real-world experiences, encourage them to continue their musicianship, and motivate them to use their talents to seek a possible career in music.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must live and attend a school (homeschool included) within a 350-mile radius of Peoria, Illinois, and on a regular schedule of music lessons with a private teacher.
- Must be in grades 7 – 12 as of the date of the Young Artist Competition.
- Voice applicants must be at least 14 years of age or exhibit a mature tone.
- May not win 1st place more than once, unless applying with a different instrument.

APPLICATION/ENTRY FEE SUBMISSION

- The application must be submitted/postmarked by Wednesday, February 1, 2023.
 - Submit an application online [here](#), and pay the non-refundable \$70 fee [here](#).
 - Print the application from here, fill it out, and mail in with your non-refundable \$70 fee. Make checks payable to **Peoria Symphony Guild, 101 State Street, Peoria IL 61602**, or pay online [here](#).
 - Applicants will be notified of acceptance into the competition and emailed information on how to upload their video.
- Selection must be a standard orchestral piece, from the approved repertoire list found here. Other repertoire selections are subject to approval. The selection must be a minimum of 6 minutes with a maximum of 15 minutes and **performed from memory**.
- Eligible categories of the concerto are piano, voice, brass, woodwind, strings, and percussion.

AUDITIONS

- The preliminary audition will be a submission of a single, uninterrupted, unedited video of yourself performing the entire movement of your concerto/aria by memory with an accompanist. The deadline to submit is **Wednesday, February 22, 2023, by 11:59 PM**. Finalists will be notified by **Monday, March 6, 2023, by 5:00 PM**. Finalists will also be posted on the Guild's Facebook Page.
- The final round will be in-person on **Saturday, March 18, 2023**, in Peoria Illinois. Finalists will receive instructions by email regarding their assigned practice and competition times.
- The performers must provide an accompanist.
- Auditions will be closed to the public.
- The competition judges reserve the right to select winners of choice, and the decisions of judges are final.
- Written comments from the judges will be mailed to each contestant following the competition.

COMPETITION WINNERS

- 1st Place - \$1000, 2nd Place - \$750, and 3rd Place - \$500. A portion of these awards is made possible by the Donna Wilkinson Schwindenhammer Trust and the Peoria Symphony Guild.
- The winner will be required to perform one selection with the Peoria Symphony Orchestra at the Annual Student Concert on **Tuesday, May 2, 2023**, 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 top three winners will be required to perform at the Peoria Symphony Guild Spring Luncheon on **Tuesday, May 9, 2023**, at 11:00 AM, with additional optional performance opportunities TBD.

Rules, application, and approved repertoire are available online at <https://peoriasymphony.org/events/yac/>.