

2026-2027 Concert Season

Concerto Competition Intent to Participate



The Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon *Concerto Competition* provides an opportunity for current, eligible, advanced-level *Youth Symphony* musicians to compete to perform a concerto (or excerpts) with the *Youth Symphony* on a Concert Series. It is not a recital. Musicians must be registered. *Previous winners are ineligible.*

The Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon 2027 *Concerto Competition* for string and wind instrument musicians will take place at 7:30 p.m. on January 25, 2027. The winner of the *Competition* will be featured as a soloist with the *Youth Symphony* in upcoming concerts. A completed Concerto Competition Intent to Participate Form must be received by the YSSO on or before November 1. Please do not request an extension. Provide all information requested. Read the eligibility criteria below.

Attach a check in the amount of \$25.00 payable to the YSSO. The *Concerto Competition* fee of \$25.00 is non-fundable. The fee helps defray a small portion of venue rental and adjudicator fees.

Name of Musician: _____ **Age** (as of 11/01/26): _____

Mailing Address: _____ **City/State/Zip:** _____

Telephone #: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Instrument: _____

Excerpt/Work: _____ **Composer:** _____

School: _____ **Grade Level:** _____

Private Instructor Name: _____

Accompanist Name & E-Mail: _____

Signature of Musician: _____ **Date:** _____

Eligibility - To participate in the *Concerto Competition* a musician must:

- be a current, registered, advanced-level musician in *Youth Symphony*; and
- be at least 14 years old and in high school (or high school equivalent if home-schooled) or in college and under age 23 at the time the form is submitted; and
- demonstrate the technical proficiency, interpretive skills, and musical ability to win the *Concerto Competition*; and
- select/perform an excerpt from a concerto in the standard literature or a concerto approved by the YSSO conductor; and
- memorize the excerpt and work and be prepared to perform the work with the *Youth Symphony*.

The YSSO reserves the right to pre-screen applicants. This process will be under the direction of the YSSO conductor.

Accompanist: Each participant is responsible for securing and paying for an accompanist and for providing music to the accompanist and the adjudicators (see below).

Music/Scores: Each performance may be a maximum of ten (10) minutes. The measures at which the performance begins and ends must be marked in each score. Musicians must provide one (1) original score plus a photocopy for each judge (a piano score is preferred). The music must be an excerpt from a concerto or other work the *Youth Symphony* might perform. Contact the YSSO conductor to discuss the selection of music prior to submitting this form.

Dress: Appropriate concert dress.

Concerto Competition Intent to Participate Form Receipt Deadline: November 1, 2026. Complete, sign, and mail the form to the executive director (YSSO, P. O. Box 4291, Medford, OR 97501) or turn in the completed form with registration materials. Please do not ask another musician to turn it in on your behalf. Attach the fee payment. Questions: Contact the YSSO (541-858-8859 or info@yosso.org).