

THE WILLIAMSBURG YOUTH ORCHESTRA



Concerto Competition Application

November 8, 2025, Saturday, 4:00 pm

Location: Williamsburg Presbyterian Church

1. This form must be submitted (in person or by email at wyouthorchestra@gmail.com) to the WYO Executive Director on or before **September 22, 2025**.
2. Eligibility:
 - Be a performing member of the WYO Symphony Orchestra or WYO Wind Ensemble.
 - Be available to perform the work with the WYO Symphony Orchestra during the Winter Concert on **February 15, 2026**.
 - The first place winner of the previous year, 2024-2025, is not eligible to compete.
 - Students are only eligible to win a maximum of two competitions during their participation with WYO.
3. Composition Guidelines:

The selected work must be:

 - One movement of a original orchestral composition work for a solo instrument and orchestra.
 - Arrangements, transcriptions, or adaptations of works are not permitted.
 - Approved by the WYO Symphony Director prior to start preparing the work with your instructor.
 - Each student must select a concerto that has not been performed by past winners of the orchestra in the last four years to ensure no concerto is repeated among Symphony members. A list of previously performed concertos is printed at the back of this sheet.
4. Competition Requirements:

Each candidate will receive 15 minutes of performance time and must:

 - Prepare the exact movement they wish to perform with WYO.
 - Make appropriate cuts if the work exceeds 15 minutes.
 - Provide an accompanist. You are responsible for finding your own and will be disqualified if you do not have one at the competition.
 - **Submit three printed copies of your instrument part to the WYO Executive Director by Monday, September 22, 2025.**
 - Memorization is required for the competition, which is also a concert open to the public.
5. All contestants and audience will be asked to vacate the recital hall after the final performance. The judges will deliberate immediately following the competition, and the winner will be announced that evening.
6. The WYO Symphony Director reserves the right to cancel the competition at any time due to minimal enrollment requirements not being met. Minimum enrollment = 2 competitors.

Please provide the exact details for how you would like your program listing to appear. Include the full name of the piece and the composer's name.

Applicant's Name: _____

Instrument: _____ Accompanist: _____

Composer: _____

Title: _____

Movement: _____

New for the 2025–2026 Season: WYO Board of Directors' Award

To honor the dedication and talent of the Symphony musicians participating in the Concerto Competition, the WYO Board of Directors has secured funding to offer the **WYO Board of Directors' Award**, with the following prizes:

- **\$600** to the **Concerto Competition Winner**
- **\$400** to the student awarded **Honorable Mention**

In the event that **two winners** are selected, **each will receive \$500**, and **no Honorable Mention** will be awarded.

Please note that the following concerto pieces are not eligible for selection:

2024-2025: Cécile Chaminade's Flute Concertino

2023-2024: Felix Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64
I. Allegro molto appassionato

2022-2023: Camille Saint-Saëns's Cello Concerto No. 1 in A minor, Op. 33
I. Allegro non troppo

2021-2022: Édouard Lalo's Symphonie Espagnole in D Minor
I. Allegro non troppo