

**The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra
Annual Young Artist Competition
2025 - 2026 Official Entry Form**
(Please type or print clearly in ink)

FIRST NAME LAST NAME DATE OF BIRTH

ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

HOME/CELL PHONE E-MAIL

SCHOOL YEAR/GRADE IN SCHOOL

SCHOOL ADDRESS CITY ZIP

INSTRUMENT

NAME OF PIECE COMPOSER

CURRENT MUSIC INSTRUCTOR/SCHOOL TO FROM PHONE/EMAIL

PREVIOUS MUSIC INSTRUCTOR/SCHOOL TO FROM PHONE/EMAIL

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2025 BY
4:00 PM PST**

Please provide the information listed below
for your submission to be considered:

- Completed entry form
- Non-refundable entry fee of \$100.00
(payment information to the right)
- YouTube performance link
- Copy of legal document which
provides proof of age and USA citizenship
or legal residency (passport, birth certificate)

SUBMIT ALL MATERIALS TO:

Email- YAC@vancouversymphony.org

Mail- Attn: Young Artist Competition
The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra
P.O. Box 525 Vancouver, WA 98666

APPLICATION FEE: \$100.00

How to pay (choose one):

- Go to VSO website (vancouversymphony.org) young artist
competition page to use the "Pay Now" button.
- Please enclose a check or money order payable to the
"The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra"
- Include credit card information below

CREDIT CARD NUMBER EXP. DATE

NAME ON CARD SECURITY CODE

SIGNATURE

I certify that the above information is correct. I agree to abide by the rules of The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition. I understand that the decisions of the panel of judges are final and cannot be appealed. I agree that if selected, I will rehearse and perform at the scheduled rehearsals and performances with The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (VSO), and I may be asked to appear at other VSO events. I agree to provide a high-quality photo and bio to be used in VSO publicity materials. I understand that if selected, the VSO will have the right to use my name and photograph for advertising, publicity, and promotional purposes. Performances of the VSO are recorded, may be broadcast or may be otherwise used in connection with or to promote VSO activities. If selected, I consent to and authorize recording and use of my image, likeness and performance(s), at no cost.

I have read and hereby agree to all terms and conditions of this application and competition rules.

CONTESTANT'S SIGNATURE

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (VSO)

Annual Young Artist Competition 2025-2026 Rules

CATEGORIES: Piano - Strings - Winds

AWARDS: The winner of each category will perform with The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra on January 17 & 18, 2025. Prizes will be awarded to the three finalists in each category. **1st place: \$5,000; 2nd place: \$2,000; and 3rd place: \$1,000.**

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all students 18 years of age or under as of January 1, 2026, who are citizens of the United States of America or legal residents.

CRITERIA: Contestants will prepare a movement of a standard concerto (concert-piece) and orchestra for their instrument (with piano accompaniment) for their submission. The video should only include the performance of the applicant and piano accompanist for the piece. The duration must be no less than 8 minutes and no greater than 20 minutes. A high-quality YouTube link of the work to be performed must be received at the VSO office by 4 pm PST, August 1, 2025, along with the completed entry form, entry fee of \$100, proof of residency and copy of birth certificate. The student must possess the temperament and professionalism to perform before a large audience. **The selection performed in the audition video will be the same selection that is intended for the finalist competition and concert performances.** The final round of competition must be performed from memory.

Scores and orchestra parts must be readily available through major music publishers for purchase or rent.

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Send all materials to:

E-mail- YAC@vancouversymphony.org

Mail- Young Artist Competition
Attn: Orchestra Manager
The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra
P.O. Box 525
Vancouver, WA 98666

FINALISTS DATES & LOCATIONS:

Young Artist Finalists Competition

First Presbyterian Church 4300 Main Street Vancouver, WA 98663

Sunday, October 12 2025 at 2 pm

VSO Concerts & Rehearsals (Gold Medalists)

January 15, 2026	7 pm Rehearsal with Full Orchestra (Skyview Concert Hall)
January 16, 2026	7 pm Dress Rehearsal (Skyview Concert Hall)
January 17, 2026	7 pm Concert (Skyview Concert Hall)
January 18, 2026	3 pm Concert (Skyview Concert Hall)

Skyview Concert Hall, 1300 NW 139th St., Vancouver, WA

Schedules and locations subject to change.

QUESTIONS? Please e-mail questions to YAC@vancouversymphony.org. We look forward to another outstanding group of contestants and we encourage your participation. Thank you.