

**VANCOUVER
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**

**The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Annual
Paul and Loti Christensen Young Artist Competition
2026 - 2027 Official Entry Form**
(Please fill out PDF form digitally)

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

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JULY 15, 2026 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
- YouTube performance link
- Copy of legal document which provides proof of age and USA citizenship or legal residency (passport, birth certificate)
- Submit all files as .pdf

SUBMIT ALL MATERIALS TO:

Email- education@vancouversymphony.org

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

APPLICATION FEE: \$100.00

How to pay (choose one):

- Go to vancouversymphony.org and select "Young Artist Competition" under the "Education & Community" tab to use the "Pay Now" button.
- Scan the QR Code below to access the young artist competition page to use the "Pay Now" button.
- Please enclose a check or money order payable to the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and mail to the provided address.



I certify that the above information is correct. I agree to abide by the rules of The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Paul and Loti Christensen 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

DATE

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

By filling out and submitting this form I understand that I am signing this form electronically.

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra USA (VSO)

Annual Paul and Loti Christensen Young Artist

Competition 2026-2027 Rules

CATEGORIES: Piano - Strings - Winds

AWARDS: The winner of each category will perform with The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra USA on January 16 & 17 2027. 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, 2027 who are citizens of the United States of America or legal residents. Former gold medalists may submit an entry to a category they have not placed first in.

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. *Please submit all documents as PDF files.* 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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FINALISTS DATES & LOCATIONS:

Paul and Loti Christensen Young Artist Finalists Competition

First Presbyterian Church 4300 Main Street Vancouver, WA
98663 **Sunday, October 11 2026 at 2 pm**

VSO Concerts & Rehearsals (Gold Medalists)

January 14, 2027	7 pm Rehearsal with Full Orchestra (Skyview Concert Hall)
January 15, 2027	7 pm Dress Rehearsal (Skyview Concert Hall)
January 16, 2027	7 pm Concert (Skyview Concert Hall)
January 17, 2027	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 education@vancouversymphony.org. We look forward to another outstanding group of contestants and we encourage your participation. Thank you.