



**The Piedmont Symphony Orchestra**  
Proudly announces the Twenty-third  
annual  
Young Artist Competition  
(2023-2024)

This competition is open to student instrumentalists (piano, strings, winds, or percussion) under the age of 19 as of **February 18, 2024** and a resident of one of the following Virginia counties: Clarke, Culpeper, Fauquier, King George, Madison, Orange, Prince William, Rappahannock, Spotsylvania, Stafford, or Warren (or independent cities within those counties). Current PSO student musicians are eligible to enter. Students who have been a first-place winner in a previous PSO or PRO Young Artist Competition are NOT eligible to enter. Only one application per student is allowed.

Required repertoire: one movement of any instrumental piece composed for solo instrument (piano, strings, winds, or percussion) and orchestra. The piece must be either in the public domain in the United States or available to rent or buy for less than \$300. For help in determining if your piece is appropriate, contact Debbie Gilbert at [jdgilbert99@gmail.com](mailto:jdgilbert99@gmail.com)

Entry deadline: **October 10, 2023 11:59PM EST** submitted to this dropbox link:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/request/UL0WNkw9EtP9qV1ODIZD>

**To enter, send to the above dropbox link the following:**

1. A high-quality audio mp3 file consisting of the required repertoire played by the instrumentalist with piano accompaniment. (Pianists are not required to play with piano accompaniment.) Only mp3 recordings will be accepted. **DO NOT send a video recording.**
2. A completed pdf file containing the audition form and the photo/video release form.
3. Label the pdf file and your mp3 recording with your first and last names. This will be edited before sending to our judges.
4. Send your **\$35.00** non-refundable audition fee to the PayPal link posted on the PSO website at [www.piedmontsymphony.org](http://www.piedmontsymphony.org).

**Audition process:**

1. Preliminary round. Audio mp3 files will be evaluated, and semi-finalists will be chosen. Semi-finalists will be notified by **November 1, 2023.**
2. Semi-final round. Semi-finalists will perform the required repertoire, with accompanist, before a panel of judges **November 18, 2023.** Each semi-finalist must provide his/her own accompanist (except for pianists). Three finalists will be chosen from this audition.
3. Final round. The final round will be held as a live performance with the PSO Orchestra at the **February 18, 2024** concert. The concert will be held at Highland's Center for the Arts, Warrenton, VA. A panel of judges will evaluate the finalists at the **February 18 3:00PM** concert and award first, second and third place prizes.

First Place Grand Prize Winner will receive \$3,000.00 scholarship prize.

Second Place Winner will receive \$1,500.00 scholarship prize.

Third Place Winner will receive \$1,000.00 scholarship prize.

*Scholarship money will be paid by the PSO directly to the winner or a valid non-profit organization as defined by the IRS provided the funds are used to further the winner's education. Winners are responsible for notifying PSO of the address where the check should be sent. If the PSO is not provided this information by July 31st of the year of award, a check will be issued to the winner directly. Please see IRS Topic No. 421 on scholarships for information on tax filing.*

For additional information, contact Debbie Gilbert by email at [jdgilbert99@gmail.com](mailto:jdgilbert99@gmail.com)



Glenn Quader | Music Director

## Piedmont Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of private teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school music teacher (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Selected audition piece:

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Movement \_\_\_\_\_

Composer \_\_\_\_\_

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List musical accomplishments and honors (use reverse or attach separate sheet if needed):

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Signature of current music teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that each student will be evaluated fairly, and I agree to abide by the decisions of the judges. Students chosen as semi-finalists or finalists must be available to appear on the PSO 2-18-24 concert.

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE FORM FOR A MINOR

If my child is selected as a finalist in the Young Artist Competition,

I, (parent's name, please print) \_\_\_\_\_, give Piedmont Symphony Orchestra (PSO) the absolute right and permission to use photographs of my minor child, \_\_\_\_\_, in its promotional materials and publicity efforts. I understand that the photograph(s) may be used in a publication, print ad, electronic media (e.g. video, CD-ROM, Internet, World Wide Web), or other form of promotion.

I acknowledge PSO's right to crop or treat the photograph in its discretion. I also acknowledge that PSO may choose not to use the photograph at this time, but may do so at its own discretion at a later date.

I waive any right to compensation arising from or related to the use of the photograph.

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**Name of Child** (Please Print Clearly)

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**Name of Legal Guardian or Parent** (Please Print Clearly)

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**Signature of Legal Guardian or Parent**

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**Date**

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**Phone Number and/or E-mail Address** (Please Print Clearly)