



Young Artist Solo Competition Guidelines 2022-2023

The **Starlight Symphony Orchestra** is hosting a solo competition and invites outstanding musical youth to compete. The top performers will be selected as the featured soloists with the Starlight Symphony Orchestra and will perform at the Young Artist Concerts on March 25th & 26th, 2023.

The solo competition is open to all orchestral instruments including brass, percussion, piano, strings, and woodwinds. Suitable pieces are solo works that are intended to be performed with orchestral accompaniment. Examples of such pieces are a movement of a concerto, or one, two, or three movements of a suite, divertimento, or concertina. Students performing slow movements may want to also include a contrasting fast movement. Time length of your selection should not exceed 15 minutes.

Important: Please check with your music director/private lesson teacher to verify the existence of an orchestral accompaniment and availability.

Eligibility: The Young Artist Solo Competition is open to all students currently enrolled thru high school.

Audition Requirements:

1. **Video Recording:** All soloists are required to submit a video recording with piano accompaniment of their selected piece.
2. **Scanned Sheet Music:** Submit a scanned copy of the sheet music for the performed piece.
3. **Application Form:** Submit application form with the above items.
4. **Application Payment:** Mail a check payment post marked by Dec. 16, 2022 to the address designated below.

Video recording, scanned sheet music & application form must be submitted with full name on materials electronically no later than December 16, 2022 to the email below.

Music may be used for audition. The video submission will be judged by our panel of judges and live auditions will be scheduled for January 6th or 7th, 2023.

Live Auditions: January 6th & 7th, 2023 at Hays CISD Performing Arts Center, 979 Kohlers Crossing, Kyle, TX 78640.

Multiple professional adjudicators will hear the auditions. Participants are required to provide their own accompanist for the audition.

Three copies of the sheet music for the performed piece must be supplied to the adjudicators at the audition. Music may be used for auditions but must be memorized for the performances. Music selection will need to be selections that have orchestral accompaniment available.

Awards: Winning soloists will receive a certificate and a \$500 scholarship towards their education in music and will perform with the **Starlight Symphony Orchestra on March 25th & 26th, 2023**. Winners must be available to perform on both concert dates and be available to rehearse with the orchestra prior to the concerts.

Winners must be available for publicity photos and interviews to be scheduled. Winners must provide a photo and bio by January 15, 2023. Any students who have received compensation from the SSO for musician services will not be eligible. Any student who has previously received a Young Artist Scholarship Award will not be selected as a soloist the next consecutive year.

Application and Entry Fee: A completed application form and non-refundable entry fee of \$40.00 must be received postmarked by **December 16, 2022**. Please send to Starlight Symphony Orchestra, P.O Box 171, Wimberley, TX 78676.

Application Form



Full Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Cell: () _____ Home: () _____
Work: () _____
Email: _____

- Open to all musicians through high school.
- The piece chosen must be one that has an orchestrated accompaniment available. *Please contact your music director, or private lesson teacher to verify it meets the necessary requirement.*
- You will be asked to audition the piece with a live piano accompaniment in front of several judges.
- If selected as a competition winner, you will perform your solo with the orchestra on **March 25th & 26th, 2023.**
- If selected you will be asked to memorize the piece prior to the concerts and to attend several rehearsals, usually Thursday evenings at the Moe & Gene Johnson HS in Buda, TX or other location tba.
- Please choose a piece, or movement of a piece, no longer than fifteen minutes in length.

Submit application and interest to Todd Sloan to secure your audition date and time by emailing youngartist@starlightsymphony.org. Please mail your non-refundable application fee of \$40.00 to:

Starlight Symphony Orchestra
Young Artist Competition - Todd Sloan
PO Box 171, Wimberley, TX 78676

- VIDEO SUBMISSION DEADLINE: **DECEMBER 16, 2022**
- LIVE AUDITION DATE: **JANUARY 6 & 7, 2023** TIME: **TBA**
Location: HAYS CISD Performing Arts Center, Kyle, Tx

School: _____ Grade: _____
Instrument: _____
Band/Orchestra Director: _____
Private Teacher: _____ Phone: _____
Private Teacher Email: _____
Accompanist: _____
Full Title of Piece chosen (Please include identifying information such as Opus, No., BWV, etc.): _____
Title of Movement & Number: _____
Composer: _____
Publisher: _____ Copyright date: _____
Length of piece (minutes) _____
Current/Previous Awards/Honors you have received:

If the student is under the age of 18, the parent or guardian must give permission for the child above to participate in the competition and agree to have his/her photograph taken before, during and after the competition for Starlight Symphony Orchestra's purposes.

Name: _____ Date: _____