

The Norwalk Symphony Orchestra proudly presents a unique opportunity for young musicians.



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The annual Norwalk Symphony Orchestra Young Artists Concerto Competition is an opportunity for students to test their musicianship with peers from the Fairfield County region of Southwestern Connecticut. The environment is encouraging with judges providing constructive feedback with an emphasis that aims to assist young musicians in improving their skills. Learning how to perform and compete are important elements of the performing arts, and we hope that this event helps to develop our young students toward becoming great performers.

The winner of the Concerto Competition will have the opportunity to perform with the Norwalk Symphony Orchestra at the March 23, 2025 "Music for All Ages" concert.\*

Participants are strongly encouraged to attend the live concerto finalist round.

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# 13th Annual Young Artists Concerto Competition

**Saturday, January 25, 2025**

## Requirements

### Eligibility

Students must be age 18 or under (K-12) and have at least two years of private study, be a resident of Fairfield County or study with a teacher who is a resident of Fairfield County. They must be available for the March 23, 2025, "Music for All Ages Concert\*" and related rehearsals. Participation implies consent to release photos and participant names to the media in promotion of this and other Norwalk Symphony Orchestra events.

Participant repertoire must be memorized and performed without cuts. The same piece must be played for both the video and live round. All concerti must have been written prior to 1920, be 12 minutes or less in length and are subject to conductor approval. Cadenzas must be included.

### First Round: Video Performance

Participants must submit a video by December 18, 2024. YouTube links are preferred. An accompanist is not required for the video, but recommended. Professional dress must be worn in the video and the piece videotaped should be the same as would be performed in the live round if invited.

### Submitting Your Video and Registration

Submit your video link by email. Please attach a current head-shot photo and scan of your completed registration. Email these to [info@norwalksymphony.org](mailto:info@norwalksymphony.org). Concurrently, mail a copy of your application and include your non-refundable entry fee check for \$75, made out to Norwalk Symphony Orchestra, to our office at 25 Van Zant Street, Suite 14-3, Norwalk, Connecticut 06855. Videos will not be reviewed until payment and head-shot are received.

### Process

Those who pass the video round will be invited to audition in person on January 25, 2025. Entrants will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis until 15 slots are filled. Finalists will receive two free tickets to the live round. Accompanists are required for the live audition except for pianists. No changes to the schedule can be made after January 10, 2025.

## Mission

The Mission of the Norwalk Symphony Orchestra is to share the beauty and power of orchestral music with audiences of all ages through live performances and music education programs.



## Vision

The Vision of the Norwalk Symphony Orchestra is to be a leading artistic institution in Southwest Connecticut.

We strive to:

- Inspire, enlighten, educate and uplift the human spirit
- Perform artistically excellent symphonic and POPS concerts, whether they be full orchestra or chamber music compositions
- Value the cultural and educational importance of music
- Provide music educational opportunities for students and adults
- Connect and collaborate with community organizations
- Foster impactful appreciation of the Norwalk Symphony Orchestra, and
- Embrace diversity and promote inclusion for our staff, board, musicians and audiences.

We will sustain this vision by building financial relationships to ensure long-term stability.

## Concerto Competition Location

The festival will take place at the Norwalk City Hall, 125 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851.

## Concerto Competition Application Form

**Due December 18, 2024. Fees are non-refundable.**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Study \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Private Teacher:** I certify that this student is preparing for this opportunity and is at the stated level.

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Email \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanist \_\_\_\_\_

### Repertoire

Name of piece (as it appears on the music): \_\_\_\_\_

Movement (include number and tempo if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Composer \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

Video link: \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

The entry fee is \$75 per person. Please make checks payable to **Norwalk Symphony Orchestra** and mail to:  
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