



## **Spokane Youth Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition 2026 Rules and Application**

**Eligibility:** The concerto competition is open only to members of the Spokane Youth Symphony Orchestra who are in good standing. Members may enter on the instrument they play in SYSO. All pieces must be played from memory in the preliminary and final competition. **Up to three winners will be selected to perform with the Spokane Youth Symphony Orchestra at the March 15<sup>th</sup> concert at The Fox.** Previous winners may not enter or win in a **consecutive** year.

**Date and Location:** The Concerto Competition will take place **Sunday, January 11, 2026, 1:00-5:00 p.m. at Whitworth University's Cowles Music Center.**

**Repertoire:** Each entrant will perform, from memory, one movement of a standard concerto or concert piece, with cadenza. Entrants should consider the playability of their concerto by the Youth Symphony. Please consult with the Artistic Director Dr. Philip Baldwin, when choosing your piece. **Concertos must be approved by Dr. Baldwin (signature required) prior to the deadline of December 15, 2025.** *(Please see **SYS Concerto Competition Repertoire Guidelines** to see repertoire which will not be accepted, posted on the Concerto Competition page of our website, [www.SpokaneYouthSymphony.org](http://www.SpokaneYouthSymphony.org).)*

Entrants will be given up to 10 minutes to perform by memory. Exceptions to the time limit must be made with permission of the Artistic Director and at the discretion of the judges.

**Accompanists:** Competitors must arrange for their own accompanists. Spokane Youth Symphony will provide an accompanist of our choosing to work with those students who have a documented financial need. Please note the name of your accompanist on the application. We will try to accommodate accompanists when arranging the schedule.

**Entrants must provide an original of the score and one copy (two total)** to the judges during each competition.

The decision of the judges will be final. Please note: If, in the opinion of the Judges, no entrant meets the standard of performance, the award shall not be given.

Please make sure to **include signatures of the applicant, parent or guardian, private music teacher, and Artistic Director/Conductor** of Spokane Youth Symphony Orchestra. **Applications must be postmarked by December 15, 2025, with the application fee of \$50**, which will help cover the competition costs. The fee is nonrefundable.



## Spokane Youth Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition 2026 Application

(please print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

I will perform:

Composer/ Title/Opus No. \_\_\_\_\_

Movement \_\_\_\_\_

Movement length \_\_\_\_ minutes < max 10 mins>

My accompanist is \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**All concertos must be performed from memory.** All entrants must provide their own accompanist on the day of the competition. **Entrants must provide an original of the score AND one copy** for the judges to view during the competition.

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's or Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Artistic Director's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a check or money order for \$50 payable to:

Spokane Youth Symphony

P.O. Box 9547

Spokane, WA 99209

Complete applications (with all signatures) must be postmarked no later than December 15, 2025.