



Young Artists Competition - 2024

The Auburn Civic Symphony, located in Auburn, California, proudly presents its Annual Young Artists Competition, which is designed to give young pianists, instrumentalists, and vocalists the opportunity to perform repertoire that best demonstrates their talent and musicianship. The competition is held at the Placer High School Theater and will be judged by a panel of professional musicians chaired by the Auburn Symphony Music Director, Ryan Murray.

Students compete for meaningful cash awards, and the Grand Prize Winner will perform with the Auburn Symphony at the following year's Family Concert. *All contest winners are required to perform at the Young Artists Recital to receive their monetary awards. We look forward to your participation!*

IMPORTANT DATES

Young Artists Competition Application Packet Electronic Submission Due Date:
Through Wednesday, January 10, 2024.

Young Artists Competition: ***Sunday, February 11, 2024***
Young Artists Recital: ***Sunday, March 17, 2024***

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

AWARDS

- All participants at the live competition will receive a Certificate of Participation.
- Winners of the live competition will receive a certificate and a cash prize awarded at the Young Artists Recital.
- The Grand Prize winner will perform with the Auburn Symphony at the 2025 annual Family Concert.
- All winners will receive a video clip of their performance at the Recital for their personal use.
- Adjudication remark sheets will be provided to all contestants after competition results have been announced.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be between the ages of 8 through 18 on or before the day of competition and reside in Placer, El Dorado, Nevada, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, or Yuba counties, OR be a family member or student of a regular Auburn Symphony musician.
- Instrumentalists or vocalists requiring electronics and/or amplification are not eligible.
- Previous First Prize winners of age divisions I & II are NOT eligible to compete in the same division again but may re-enter the competition when eligible for the next age division.
- Previous First Prize winners of Division III may compete again, but ONLY for the Grand Prize.
- Previous Grand Prize winners are NOT eligible for this competition.

DIVISIONS

The competition is divided into three age groups with audition time limits as follows:

<i>Division I</i>	<i>Division II</i>	<i>Division III</i>
Ages 8-11	Ages 12-15	Ages 16-18
5 Minutes	7 Minutes	10 Minutes

REPERTOIRE

- Selection should be chosen to best represent the applicant's musicianship and talent. Candidates hoping for a Grand Prize appearance with the Auburn Symphony should select a piece or movement lasting no more than 15 minutes, and for which an obtainable orchestral accompaniment exists. (During the competition, the performance may be stopped consistent with the division time limits).
- The submitted audition piece will be performed at the live competition and recital if chosen as a winner – no substitutions.

CATEGORIES

- Pianists, instrumentalists, and vocalists will compete against each other within age group divisions.
- Students are allowed to compete in an additional category if they are exceptionally developed.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Audition Packet Includes:

- Completed application form (fillable pdf).
- Unedited recording attached as an internet link to a “YouTube” recording.
- Recording clearly labeled with: Applicant name, age, title of piece, movement, and composer.
- A non-refundable entry fee of \$30 in the form of a check payable to the Auburn Symphony or by PayPal.
- Students may participate in two categories by submitting two separate applications.

Students must provide their own accompanist for the recorded audition as well as the live competition and recital if selected. Should you need a hired accompanist, we will be happy to provide accompanist referral contact information.

- Electronic application packet must be submitted by midnight January 11, 2024.
 - Email: AuburnSymphonyOffice@gmail.com.
- For more information visit: www.auburnsymphony.com/young-artists-competition-recital/

RECORDED AUDITION

- The recorded audition will be judged by the Auburn Symphony Music Director, Ryan Murray.
- All participants will be notified if they are advancing to the live audition by January 29, 2024.

LIVE COMPETITION

- Students advancing to the live audition will perform before an adjudicating panel of professional musicians chaired by the Auburn Symphony Music Director, Ryan Murray.
- The performance schedule and further directions will be sent to those advancing to the live audition.
- Memorization of the music is strongly encouraged.
- Contestants may leave after their performance. Winners will be announced via Zoom on the day of competition at 7:00 pm by the Music Director.
- Students will:
 - Perform the same composition as performed for the recorded audition.
 - Arrive 20 minutes prior to scheduled time. Warm-up room schedule will be circulated in advance.
 - Provide scanned music score via email prior to live competition which will be distributed in advance to the judges.
 - Provide a brief biography via email prior to the live competition, which will be used in the recital program for winners who will perform in the recital video.
 - Provide an accompanist if one is required. Repertoire that would not require an accompanist would be a piece specifically written as a solo composition, such as a solo piano sonata or solo (unaccompanied) instrumental sonata.
 - Adhere to the performance time limits for each division. Exceeding the limit may result in being stopped mid-performance.

RECITAL

- All winners of the live competition receive a Certificate of Merit, cash award, and a video of individual recital performance for their personal use.
- All winners must perform at the Recital or forfeit their monetary award.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Chairperson Leslie Rogers at lrogers.AuburnSymphony@gmail.com, (530)305-6690.

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Please refer to the 2024 Young Artists Competition Guidelines concerning eligibility, repertoire, and audition requirements.

(Please complete clearly and legibly.)

Applicant Name: _____ **Birthdate:** _____ **Age at Competition:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Address: _____
Street No. City Zip County

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

If the county of residence is outside the counties of Placer, El Dorado, Nevada, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo or Yuba, please state your relationship to an Auburn Symphony musician or other information to establish eligibility:

I am a student of an Auburn Symphony member named: _____

I am a relative of an Auburn Symphony member named: _____

Division (check one):

☐ Division I, ages 8-11

☐ Division II, ages 12-15

☐ Division III, ages 16-18

Category: ☐ Piano

☐ Vocal

☐ Instrumental (check two if applicable)

Instrument: _____ **Years of Study:** _____

Title of Composition: _____ **Composer:** _____

Name of Current Music Teacher(s): _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____



Application Fee of \$30 submitted.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Young Artist: _____ **Date:** _____

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