



Twelfth ANNUAL YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

Dear Music Teacher:

I am very pleased to share with you *The Symphony of Westchester's* plans for our 2026 - 2027 season to include our [Twelfth Annual Young Artist Competition](#)

Competition Details

- The competition is open to all students, elementary through high school through June of 2027.
- The concert will take place on Sunday, January 31st at 3:00 p.m., at Iona University, as part of our *Young Artist Showcase Concert*, our third concert of our series at Iona University. (*the snow date for this concert will be Saturday, January 30th at 3:00 p.m.*)
- There will be six competition winners, each of whom will perform one movement of a standard concerto or recitative and aria, of the Baroque or early Classical music period (including Mozart and his contemporaries) with the Symphony of Westchester (SoW) The SoW must approve all audition entries prior to the audition.
- Cash prizes: \$500 first place, \$250 second place and \$100 third place.
- The competition is open to instrumentalists and vocalists.
- There will be a panel of three distinguished adjudicators for this competition.
- Auditions will take place on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 7th and Dec. 8th, beginning at 5:00 p.m. each night. Additionally, Tuesday evening may be used for a finalist round. All contestants will be notified on Tuesday morning, December 8th. The concert will be held at Iona University in the Christopher J. Murphy Auditorium.
- All contestants will receive copies of the adjudicators' comments. Contestants must provide the adjudicators with one copy of the solo part.
- There is a non-refundable application fee of \$80 due with the completed application form.
- Application deadline is postmarked date of December 1st.

To obtain the application form please visit our homepage of our website at:

www.thesymphonyofwestchester.org

Thank you for your interest!

Yours truly,

Barry Charles Hoffman, Founder and Artistic Director
The Symphony of Westchester



The Symphony of Westchester Presents:

2026 - 2027 Twelfth Annual Young Artist Competition

Six competition winners will each perform one movement of a concerto, from the Baroque or early Classical music period (*including Mozart and his contemporaries*) with The Symphony of Westchester (SoW). The SoW must approve the selection prior to the audition. The concert will be held on Sunday, January 31st at 3:00 p.m., in the Christopher J. Murphy Auditorium, at Iona University, in New Rochelle, as part our *Young Artist Showcase Concert*, in our series at Iona University (*the show date will be Saturday, January 30th at 3:00 p.m.*) The first place winner will receive a cash award of \$500, second place winner a cash award of \$250 and third place winner a cash award of \$100. The competition is open to instrumentalists and vocalists. Date of Auditions – There will be two separate days of auditions as follows: Monday, December 7th, and Tuesday, December 8th, both beginning at 5:00 p.m. Additionally, there may be a final round on Tuesday evening, December 8th. If this is the case, all contestants will be notified on Tuesday morning, December 8th of their status. The competition will be held in the Christopher J. Murphy Auditorium, in the Murphy Science Building, 715 North Ave., New Rochelle, New York 10801. This competition is for students from elementary school through high school through June of 2027.

APPLICATION FORM (please print)

Name of student _____ Name of parent/guardian _____

Address _____ Email address _____

Phone number _____ Name of School _____ Grade _____

Years of study _____ Private teacher's name _____

Composer, title and movement of the concerto on which you plan to audition.

Applicants must provide the judges with one original solo part of the piece to be performed

I give my child _____ permission to register and audition for
The Symphony of Westchester's *2026 - 2027 Young Artist Competition*.

Parent's Signature _____

I recommend this student to participate in The Symphony of Westchester's *2026 - 2027 Young Artist Competition*. Private teacher's signature _____

Application fee is a non-refundable \$80 check made payable to: The Symphony of Westchester. Email us at – info@thesymphonyofwestchester.org for any questions. Please return both the check and completed form to the address below.

Piano accompanist is required for all applicants! – For competition applicants who are pianists, we will provide a full size electronic keyboard for your accompanist.

Applications must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, December 1st, and addressed to:

2026 – 2027 Young Artist Competition

The Symphony of Westchester

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