

COLLIN COUNTY YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

Sponsored by FIRST UNITED BANK & TRUST and the PLANO SYMPHONY GUILD

CATEGORIES:

Piano ~ Strings ~ Winds/Percussion

DIVISIONS:

Junior: Grades 1 - 8

Senior: Grades 9 - 12

ELIGIBILITY:

Participants must meet **one** of the following requirements:

- (a) Live in Plano, Frisco, or Collin County
- (b) Attend a Collin County, Plano ISD, or Frisco ISD, Prosper ISD, Allen ISD school
- (c) Study the audition instrument
 - (1) in Collin County, or
 - (2) with a primary private lesson teacher who resides in Plano or Collin County or is a PSO musician
- (d) a child of a PSO musician

Former Grand Prize Winners are not eligible to enter again in the same Category (Piano, Strings, or Winds/Percussion).

AWARDS:

GRAND PRIZE: Performance with the Plano Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, **March 16, 2024.**

Up to three participants may be awarded a Grand Prize.

Winners may be Jr. or Sr. Division entrants from any Category.

PLACE WINNERS: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place & Honorable Mention Winners may be named in both Divisions of each Category.

ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCES: Additional performance opportunities may be awarded to finalists including but not limited to Summer Camp concerto opportunity (July, 2024) and school concert program concerto opportunity (Feb/Mar 2025)

Contestants must be present at awards ceremony January 13 to receive awards.

Judges have the option of not designating winners for all of the awards. The decision of the judges is final.

REPERTOIRE: Each participant must **memorize** and perform one or more movements of a concerto from the Approved Repertoire List. **Additional concertos will be considered on a case by case basis. Approval must be prior to application, and all decisions by PSO are final .Please email**

wheeler@planosymphony.org with any questions. Concerto movement(s) with full accompaniment should total no more than 15 minutes. Live preliminary auditions may be limited to 10 minutes to allow more students to participate. If the concerto movement is longer than 10 minutes please choose a representative section lasting 10 minutes . Grand Prize Winners will perform their entire concerto movement(s) at the March PSO concert.

LIVE AUDITIONS:

DATE: January 12-13, 2024

(Friday late afternoon/evening and all day Saturday)

**LOCATION: Robinson Fine Arts Center
1800 Alma Dr., Plano**

Each contestant must memorize the concerto movement(s) and provide accompanist for Preliminary and Final performances. The accompanist cannot be the teacher or the teacher's spouse.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

All Applications must be completed and submitted online. The **\$60** non-refundable application fee can be paid by credit card online. Applications with incomplete information will not be able to be submitted online until corrected. Deadline for applications is **5:00 PM** on Thursday, **Dec. 1, 2023.** Please do not wait until the last few minutes of the due date to try to complete the application and submit it online. If the application is missing any information, it cannot be submitted and you may miss the 5:00 PM deadline.

FORMAT for PRELIMINARY AUDITIONS on January 12-13, 2024:

1. There will be no recorded round for 2024.
2. Woodwind/Brass/Percussion applicants will perform Friday, Jan. 12 5-10pm
3. String applicants will perform EITHER Friday, Jan. 12 5-10pm OR Saturday, Jan. 13 8:00am-5:00pm (scheduling will be assigned by PSO)
4. Piano applicants will perform Saturday Jan. 13 8:00am-5:00pm
5. Each preliminary audition room will have two judges who listen to the entire category
6. Any applicant who does not attend their assigned preliminary audition time will be ineligible to compete the following year. Please notify PSO of any issues with attendance prior to competition.
7. Applicants should plan to arrive 20 minutes prior to audition time slot.
8. Finalists will be posted by 5pm, Sat. Jan. 13 at the Robinson Fine Arts Center

FORMAT for FINALS on January 13, 2024:

1. The judges may choose up to 4 Finalists from each Category (Piano, Strings, Wind/Percussion) to compete for the Grand Prize.
2. First, Second, and Third Places in each category and Honorable Mention winners will also be named at the awards ceremony.
3. Special performance awards will be named at the awards ceremony to include: July 2024 Summer Camp performance, May 2024 Gala performance, and 2025 School Concert performances. Applicants do not have to be in the finals in order to win an honorable mention or special performance award.
2. Finalists will each perform a five-minute sample of their concerto movement in the Final Round to compete for one of the three Grand Prize performances in March, 2024.
3. Finals (6pm on Sat. Jan 13) will be open to the public and performed before a panel of judges including Shira Samuels-Shragg, PSO assistant conductor and panelists who did not hear the preliminary round.

For questions, please email Dr. Jennifer Wheeler:
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