



DuPage Symphony Orchestra Announcement: *70th Annual Young Artists Auditions* Sunday, January 28, 2024

The DuPage Symphony Orchestra (DSO) strives to encourage serious study and musical excellence among young musicians through its annual Young Artists Auditions. The audition experience is designed to be both educational and rewarding for the participants. All entrants will be evaluated by experienced judges and will receive written comments and suggestions based on their individual performance during their audition.

The First Prize Winner will perform a solo work with the DSO on Sunday, March 17, 2024.

ELIGIBILITY

The auditions are open to high-school age student musicians who currently attend high school or homeschool and permanently reside in one of the following Illinois counties: DuPage, Kane, Kendall, or Will. Eligible performers are vocalists, pianists, and instrumentalists that play instruments ordinarily found in a symphony orchestra or select non-Western instruments, for which there is an orchestral accompaniment available in print.

Note: Previous First Prize and Second Prize Winners of the DSO Young Artists Auditions are ineligible to participate.

AUDITION DATE AND LOCATION

The DSO's Young Artists Auditions will be held on **Sunday, January 28, 2024** at Wentz Fine Arts Center on the campus of North Central College, 171 E. Chicago Avenue, Naperville. Each entrant will be notified in advance by e-mail of his or her specific audition time.

REQUIREMENTS

The following rules are in effect for the 2024 Young Artists Auditions:

1. All entrants are **required** to perform from memory.
2. **Three copies of the music, with the measures numbered, must be given to the judges at the time of the audition. One copy must be an original.**
3. **Accompaniment is required for the audition.** All entrants must provide their own accompanist.
4. **Each entrant will be limited to 10 minutes of playing time for the audition.** If you need to make adjustments or cuts to fit the allotted time, please notify the judges before your audition by clearly annotating the submitted copies of the music.
5. Pianists who audition as soloists must also provide a second pianist to perform the orchestral accompaniment.
6. Only the entrant, accompanist, and a page-turner (if necessary) will be allowed in the room while the auditions are in progress. No observers will be allowed in the audition room.

REPERTOIRE

The audition selection must be chosen from the standard orchestral repertoire and is subject to approval by the Music Director prior to the competition. Orchestra parts must be available for rental or purchase by the DuPage Symphony Orchestra. Performance length of the applicant's chosen solo should not exceed 20 minutes.



AWARDS

The **First Prize Winner** will receive a cash award of **\$500** and the opportunity to appear as a soloist (performing for 10-20 minutes) with the DuPage Symphony Orchestra during its “**Springtime Celebration**” concert on **Sunday, March 17, 2024, at 3:00 PM.**

If the First Prize Winner cannot appear on that date, he or she will forfeit the prize as well as the First Prize designation and the Second Prize Winner will be awarded both instead. If the First Prize winner does perform, the **Second Prize Winner** will receive a cash award of **\$300. Both First and Second Prize Winners may be asked to perform for other DSO programs and events to promote future Young Artists Auditions.**

APPLICATION

The completed application form and a non-refundable entry fee of **\$40** must be sent to: DuPage Symphony Orchestra – Young Artists Auditions, P.O. Box 844, Naperville, IL 60566-0844.

DEADLINE

All applications must be postmarked by **Monday, January 8, 2024.** The entry fee must be in the form of a check made payable to the **DuPage Symphony Orchestra.** Scholarship assistance is available to those students for whom the application fee presents an obstacle. Please contact the DSO office for further information.

CONTACT THE DSO

If you have any questions, please call the DSO Office at **(630) 822-8072** or send an e-mail to **info@dupagesymphony.org.** For general information about all DuPage Symphony Orchestra events, please visit our website, **www.dupagesymphony.org.**

PLEASE NOTE: Only twenty-five audition slots are available, which will be determined by postmark date. Applications received in excess of this total will be returned.



2024 YOUNG ARTISTS AUDITIONS – APPLICATION FORM

If I am declared the First Prize Winner, I am available to perform with the DSO on Sunday, March 17, 2024 at the 3:00 PM concert.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____
(number and street) (city) (state) (zip code)

Email Address _____ Phone () _____

High School _____ Grade _____ Age _____
(High-school age student must reside in DuPage, Kane, Kendall or Will counties.)

Instrument or Vocal Range _____ Years of Study _____

Current Private Instructor(s) _____

Instructor Mailing Address _____

Instructor E-mail _____ Phone () _____

Musical Selection _____ Movement No. _____

Composer _____ Performance Time _____

Publisher and Edition _____

January 28, 2024 scheduling preference, if any _____

Accompanist Name and Phone _____

Other works prepared for performance with orchestra (continue on back page, if needed)

Musical groups in which you perform _____

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