



66th Annual DuPage Symphony Orchestra | Young Artists Auditions
Video Submissions due March 1, 2021

The 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 performances. **Due to COVID-19, our 2021 Young Artists competition will take place virtually. The 2021 competition has also been modified with the aim of supporting a greater number of high-school musicians.**

Eligibility: The auditions are open to high-school age student musicians who currently attend high school or homeschool and permanently reside in DuPage County or its immediate surrounding communities. Eligible performers are vocalists, pianists, and instrumentalists that play instruments ordinarily found in a symphony orchestra. For the 2021 competition, chosen repertoire may include unaccompanied solo repertoire; sonatas, arias, or other selections that showcase the solo performer; or a standard concerto movement or other selection that would normally be performed with orchestral accompaniment. Previous First Place and Second Place Winners of the DSO Young Artists Auditions are ineligible to participate.

Video Submission: Please submit application, music copy, and video/ link through the DSO website by **March 1, 2021.**

Requirements: The following rules are in effect for the 2021 Young Artists Auditions:

1. All entrants are **required** to perform from memory.
2. **One copy of the music**, with the measures numbered, must be submitted via PDF copy along with the video audition.
3. **Accompaniment is required** except in the case of *a cappella* solo repertoire. All entrants must provide their own accompanist.
4. **Each entrant will be limited to 10 minutes of playing time.** If you need to make adjustments or cuts to fit the allotted audition time, please indicate the selected segments of your music on the PDF copy submitted.
5. **Pianists who audition** as concerto soloists should also provide a second pianist performing the orchestral accompaniment as part of their video.
6. Participants are asked to provide **as high quality** audio and video quality on their audition tape **as feasible**. Participants are not expected to engage a professional recording engineer in order to prepare their audition videos.

Repertoire: The audition selection, as noted above, can be chosen from the broader canon of repertoire that showcases the solo performer: i.e., from the unaccompanied solo repertoire; a sonata, aria, or other selection that features an individual performer; or from the standard concerto repertoire or selection that would normally be performed with orchestral accompaniment. If you have any questions about the suitability of your chosen audition piece, please contact the DuPage Symphony in advance to obtain approval: info@dupagesymphony.org

Awards: The DSO will award up to 6 cash prizes of \$200 each for the 2021 Young Artists Auditions. Selected winners will have their auditions shared via the DSO website and various social media platforms. If it proves feasible, selected winners will also have the opportunity to participate in a live-streamed recital during the spring, if state and local guidelines for in-person gathering and appropriate social distancing permit. **All 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 **\$15** must be submitted via the DSO website no later than **March 1, 2021**. Scholarship assistance is available to those students for whom the application fee presents an obstacle. Applicants are encouraged to submit their audition videos as soon as possible, to ensure receipt by the application deadline.

If you have any questions, please call **(630) 778-1003** or send an email to info@dupagesymphony.org. For general information about all DuPage Symphony Orchestra events, please visit our website, www.dupagesymphony.org.

PLEASE NOTE: Only 30 audition slots are available, which will be determined by the time stamp on the website submission form. Applications and entrance fees received after the specified maximum is reached will be returned.