

2025 APPLICATION & PERFORMANCE RULES

<u>Applications Accepted</u> <u>Beginning</u> Friday October 4, 2024	<u>Applications Deadline</u> Postmarked by Thursday December 12, 2024	<u>Competition Date</u> Saturday January 18, 2025	<u>Concert Date</u> Concertos & Cookies Sunday April 6, 2025 at 3:30 pm
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- I. PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Lake Murray Symphony Orchestra's Young Artist Competition is to encourage and reward excellence among local high school musicians via a solo performance opportunity and three cash prize awards, and thus provide for the education and enrichment of the young performer, audience and orchestra.
- II. WHO MAY ENTER:** All Young Artist Competition applicants must be enrolled in grades 9-12 in a public or private high school, or home-schooled, in Richland, Lexington, Saluda, or Newberry county in South Carolina. Applicants may compete up to four times, once each during the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior years, unless previously selected as a Young Artist Concert Soloist. Students involved in home-schooling programs are also eligible to apply if their permanent residence lies within a school district in Richland, Lexington, Saluda, or Newberry county in South Carolina. This competition is open only for solo band and orchestral instrumentalists. Ensemble groups, vocalists and pianists are excluded from the competition.
- III. COMPOSITION SELECTION:** All competition applicants must be prepared to perform a composition that has an available orchestral accompaniment, and must indicate on the application the name of the publisher, and provide the name and email address and/or telephone number where we may rent or purchase the orchestral parts (if not available on IMSLP). Please consult your high school music director and/or your private teacher for assistance in gathering the information. The Lake Murray Symphony Orchestra reserves the right to deny an application if the rental/purchase price of the accompaniment is deemed cost-prohibitive.
- IV. COMPETITION:** The Competition will be held on **Saturday, January 18, 2025** at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, 5637 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC 29212. Competitors must provide their own piano accompanist. Recorded accompaniment is not allowed. **Total playing time for the audition may not exceed 15 minutes.** Please number the measures in your solo, and provide THREE photocopies of the solo sheet music at the audition. Photocopies are acceptable, and will be destroyed immediately after the competition. If selected to perform at the Young Artist Concert, the applicant must play the same piece as auditioned. Both the audition and performance may be played with music or from memory.
- V. SIGNATURES & STUDENT ID:** (1) **You, the Applicant**, (2) **Your Parent / Guardian** and (3) **Your Private Teacher and/or Music Director** must sign the application in the proper spaces, certifying that all parties have read and understand all requirements. (4) A **copy of your CURRENT school Student ID** must be included with the application, **or** if a private / home-school student, a **copy of your school's accountability group acceptance documentation** (to verify enrollment) for the 2022-23 school year. These items verify both student status and residential location.
- VI.** Before returning the application form, the applicant must determine whether an orchestration of the accompaniment for the work to be performed exists. Check this with your teacher. Please email the Lake Murray Symphony YAC Chairperson at kmasters@lmsso.org if assistance is needed in determining the availability of orchestra accompaniments. **You should also state whether the accompaniment is available for purchase or rental and from whom.**

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Your application will not be considered unless this information about the music is supplied.

VII. DEADLINES: Application forms will be available online at LMSO.org and musicians are invited to submit their applications by mail beginning **October 4, 2024**. Application forms and fees must be delivered to the LMSO post office box in person or postmarked no later than Thursday, **December 12, 2024**. Remember, that date is the absolute latest that we can receive and process your application. **You are strongly encouraged to submit your application well in advance of the deadline.**

The first 10 applications received, eligible, fully completed, and with required materials, will be invited to participate in the competition.

Remember to Include the Following in your Competition Application Packet

1. Fully Completed Application
2. Non-Refundable \$25.00 Audition Fee (Check or Money Order to Lake Murray Symphony Orchestra)
3. Student, Parent & Teacher Signatures in the spaces provided on the application
4. Copy of a **Current** Student ID or School Acceptance Documentation to verify applicant eligibility.

MAIL YOUR APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

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VIII. CONFIRMATION. Competitor acceptance will be communicated as soon as possible following application by email to each applicant. Audition times will be communicated as soon as possible after the closing date but in any event no later than **Saturday, January 10, 2025**.

IX. JUDGING AND AWARDS: There will be a minimum of three judges for the competition. The judges will not be given the names of the competitors, and will be located behind a screen so that the identity of competitors is anonymous.

The judges will select a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner.

Each 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner shall receive a monetary prize. The prizes are as follows:

1st Place - \$500.00 | 2nd Place - \$300.00 | 3rd Place - \$200.00

If deemed by the judges to meet the standards of a high degree of technical proficiency and a sufficient degree of musicality, winners may also be awarded the **Grand Prize Performance Invitational Award**. In recognition of their superior talent, the recipient(s) offered the Grand Prize award will be invited to perform as a soloist with the LMSO at the **Sunday April 6, 2025** "Concertos & Cookies" Concert and Reception at Harbison Theatre in Irmo, SC.

The judges have the option of inviting each among the top three winners to perform with the symphony in the event all three soloists meet the criteria of symphonic solo performance. Similarly, the judges may invite fewer than three winners (two or one) or no winners if there are not, in the opinion of the judges, any auditioners who meet the standards of performance. The decision of the judges is final.

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- X. COMPETITION RESULTS:** The results of the competition will be posted by the Chairperson at the competition location and emailed to the winning contestants. Results will also be posted online by the website administrator at LMSO.org.
- XI. POLICY:** The Young Artist Competitions are governed by the Young Artist Competition and Concert Policies and Procedures statement approved by the LMSO Board of Directors on 11 June 2012. Copies of this document are available at <http://LMSO.org>. For additional information, email kmasters@lmsso.org or write to the following address:

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