



RACINE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

2024 YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024 at 1:00 pm

University of Wisconsin-Parkside

The Rita

Frances Bedford Concert Hall

The Racine Symphony Orchestra is pleased to invite students from Racine County studying orchestral instruments or piano in grades 9-12 to compete in the 2024 Racine Symphony Orchestra's Young Artists' Competition.

The first-place winner will perform with the Racine Symphony on April 13, 2024 for the Season Finale Masterworks Concert. Cash Prizes will be awarded for First, Second, and Third place finalists.

RULES AND REQUIREMENTS:

- We welcome applicants from Racine County, as well as current students of Racine Symphony Orchestra musicians.
- Students studying piano, string (including harp and classical guitar), wind, brass, and percussion instruments are invited to apply for this competition.
- Repertoire must be a concerto from the standard orchestral repertoire and readily available.
- Final musical selections are subject to approval by the Orchestra's Artistic Director, Pasquale Laurino.
- Performance time for the competition is a required single, full movement of the selected concerto.
- Memorization is not required, but recommended.
- Auditions must be performed with piano accompaniment. Contestants must provide their own accompanist.
- Contestants must furnish four copies of the solo part of the audition piece for the judges' use.
- No changes in repertoire are allowed after approval.
- Competitors should plan to be present at least 30 minutes before their assigned audition time.
- The Competition will take place regardless of weather conditions.
- The judges will select first, second and third place winners.
- Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, January 12, 2024.

The first-place winner must be available to perform as guest soloist with the RSO at the April 13, 2024 concert (3:00pm), including all rehearsals on April 10, 11, and 12 (7:30pm).

Family, teachers, and friends of competing musicians are invited to attend the competition free-of-charge on Sunday, February 4, beginning at 1:00 pm. Please be mindful of performers and only enter the hall during the times in between performances.

Finalists will be featured in the RSO's communications to our audience members as well as a press release in the Racine Journal Times and Racine County Eye.

Contact heather@racinesymphony or 262-636-9285 for more information or questions.