



CAPITAL PHILHARMONIC OF NEW JERSEY PRESENTS:

# YOUTH CONCERTO COMPETITION

JANUARY 21, 2023

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## OVERVIEW

Capital Philharmonic of New Jersey (CPNJ) is pleased to announce its first annual Youth Concerto Competition. The first-place winner of the competition will receive a \$500 cash prize and will perform in person with CPNJ at the Trenton War Memorial on March 18, 2023 at 7:30p.m. The runner-up will be awarded \$250 and must be prepared to perform at the March concert if the first-place winner should have to withdraw. Apply online today!

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## ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to all advanced pianists and instrumentalists aged 10 to 18 years as of March 18, 2023 who reside within a 75-mile radius of Trenton, NJ. There is no prescreening nor pre-audition requirement. All applicants are required to audition in person on January 21, 2023. To be confirmed as the first and second place winners, the chosen candidates must agree to all relevant CPNJ rehearsal and performance dates. Applications are available online and are accepted through December 31, 2022.

## LIVE AUDITION

Applicants may provide their own accompanist\* and must bring a copy of the score for the panel.

Saturday, January 21, 2023, 11:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
1867 Sanctuary Arts and Culture Center  
101 Scotch Road  
Ewing, NJ 08628

*\*If applicants have difficulty securing an accompanist, the orchestra will provide one. Applicants should indicate this when filling out the online application and must provide a copy of the score for both the accompanist and panel.*

## REPERTOIRE

Applicants should prepare a selection of up to 15 minutes consisting of one or more movements of a concerto for their instrument and small orchestra.\* Complete works are preferred, but not required.

*\*Concerto accompaniments may be scored for strings alone, strings with limited winds, or may be a strings-only arrangement of a larger orchestration. If you need help in researching the makeup or availability of orchestral parts please contact Jill Aguayo, Executive Director, at [executive@capitalphilharmonic.org](mailto:executive@capitalphilharmonic.org) and 609-454-7012.*

*\*Orchestral parts must be in the public domain and/or available at reasonable cost.*

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## APPLICATION INFORMATION

All applicants must complete and submit the online application and the non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee by Saturday, December 31, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. It is recommended that applicants review their application with their music instructor prior to submission.

### 1. Online Application

- Contact information for young artist, parent/guardian, and music instructor
- Composition to be performed, and the movements and total length of the January 21 audition selection
- A 2-5 minute video recording of your playing is preferred, but not required
- A 50 -100 word statement indicating the applicant's reasons for entering the competition
- Agreement to attend all rehearsals and performance if selected as the winner or runner-up

### 2. Non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee

- May be submitted with online application or by check (with applicant's name in the memo line) to:  
Capital Philharmonic of New Jersey  
ATTN: Concerto Competition  
PO Box 7683  
Trenton, NJ 08628

**For questions about the application, please contact Jill Aguayo, Executive Director, at [executive@capitalphilharmonic.org](mailto:executive@capitalphilharmonic.org) and 609-454-7012.**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*Is there a memorization requirement?*

Memorization is not required, but preferred by the orchestra.

*Will I be given an exact time for my audition?*

In January, the orchestra staff will provide a more detailed schedule, based on the number of applicants.

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*Do I need to bring a copy of music to the audition?*

Yes, please bring an original score or photocopy of your music for the panel to review as you play. If you will utilize a CPNJ accompanist, you should also bring a copy of the score for him/her.

*How do I apply?*

Young artists may apply via the online application. A non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee is required. Please contact Jill Aguayo, Executive Director, at [executive@capitalphilharmonic.org](mailto:executive@capitalphilharmonic.org) and 609-454-7012 with concerns or questions about the application.

*Is there a cash prize?*

Yes, the winner of the competition will receive a cash prize of \$500 in addition to the opportunity to perform with the orchestra on the March 18, 2023 concert. A runner-up will be awarded \$250 and must be prepared to perform in the event that the first place winner should have to withdraw.

*Do I need to bring my own accompanist?*

You may bring your own accompanist to the audition. However, the orchestra will provide an accompanist should the applicant require one.

*What is the rehearsal schedule for the performance?*

Rehearsals are March 14 & 16, 7:30 - 10:00 p.m., and March 18 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. The concert takes place at 7:30 p.m. on March 18, 2023. Please note that the winner and runner-up will not be required to attend the entirety of the rehearsal times.