



Concerto Competition

Saturday, January 24th, 2026

The Rapides Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition is a bi-annual event established to stimulate and nurture interest among aspiring young artists in Louisiana.

DIVISIONS

Youth: Ages 10 – 18 (on the audition date)

Young Adult: Ages 19 – 25 (on the audition date)

One winner will be chosen from each division. The Youth Division winner will be awarded a cash prize of **\$500.00**; the Young Adult Division winner will be awarded a cash prize of **\$1,000.00**. Winners of both divisions will perform with the Rapides Symphony Orchestra on March 14, 2026 at the Coughlin-Saunders Performing Arts Center in Alexandria, Louisiana.

RULES

1. Applications must be received not later than 5:00 p.m. of Friday, January 16, 2026. A non-refundable application fee of \$10.00 in a cashier's check, personal check, or money order must be included with each application and must be payable to the Rapides Symphony Orchestra, Inc.
2. The competition is limited to residents of the State of Louisiana and/or those enrolled in school in Louisiana.
3. Competitors will be required to perform one or more movements of a standard concerto or a single movement work, or a concert piece for which orchestral accompaniments are available. **Total performance time should not exceed twenty minutes. Memorization is recommended, but not required.**
4. The competition is limited to instrumental soloists only.
5. Compositions must be in their original form; no transcriptions will be accepted. Each contestant will perform the solo part of his or her selection in its entirety; however, orchestral interludes may be abbreviated at the performer's discretion. Only live accompaniments are permitted. The entrant will provide the judges with an original score to their chosen piece.
6. The decision of the judges will be final. If performances do not meet the judges' standards, no winner will be selected.
7. Winners performing with the Rapides Symphony Orchestra are ineligible to compete in the same division in the following competition.
8. The music selected for the competition must be that intended for performance. Substitutions in repertoire to be performed with the Rapides Symphony Orchestra will not be allowed after the winners are declared.
9. Prize money will be awarded at the performance with the Rapides Symphony Orchestra. If for some reason the declared winner is not able to perform, the alternate will perform and receive the cash award. The performance will be in the Coughlin-Saunders Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2022 with rehearsals on Friday evening, March 18 and Saturday afternoon, March 19.
10. Entrants will be notified of the audition time schedule prior to January 29, 2022.
11. Names of the winners and alternates will be announced following the completion of each division.
12. **Each entrant will make provisions for his/her own accompanist.** Competitors can contact the symphony office if they would like the name of a competent local accompanist whom they could engage.
13. The Rapides Symphony Orchestra audition committee reserves the right to review and approve or disqualify applicants on the basis of their qualifications.



2026 Concerto Competition

AUDITION APPLICATION FORM - Youth (10 – 18)

Applications must be received before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 16, 2026

Please include with application:

\$10.00 non-refundable application fee,
payable to Rapides Symphony Orchestra via
check, money order, or PayPal
(rapidessymphony@gmail.com)

Application and enclosures should be mailed or emailed to:

Rapides Symphony Orchestra, Inc.
1101 4th Street, Suite 201C
Alexandria, LA 71301
orchestramanager@rapidessymphony.org

Please type or print legibly.

Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

School Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Instrument: _____

Composition Information:

Title _____

Composer _____ Performance time (15' max) _____

Publisher _____

Collaborative Pianist _____

Teacher Information:

Present Teacher _____

Teacher's Email _____

I agree, if chosen by the judges, to appear with the Rapides Symphony Orchestra, Inc. in concert on Saturday, March 23, 2024, and at the necessary rehearsals on Friday, March 13, 2026 and Saturday, March 14, 2026, and to meet with the conductor at a mutually agreeable time for a conference prior to the rehearsals. I agree to the use of my name and photograph as a winner of the competition in future promotional materials.

Entrant's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature (if Applicant is under 18 years of age)

**Audition application form may be photocopied if additional forms are needed.*



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AUDITION APPLICATION FORM – Young Adult (19 – 25)

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Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

School Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Instrument: _____

Composition Information:

Title _____

Composer _____ Performance time (15' max) _____

Publisher _____

Collaborative Pianist _____

Teacher Information:

Present Teacher _____

Email _____

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