



Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's Youth Soloist Competition Auditions 2018

Each year, the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra invites advanced student musicians to audition for the opportunity to perform with the orchestra. One outstanding Youth Soloist will be selected to perform with the full orchestra during KSO's Sounds of the Season concert at Chenery Auditorium on December 15th.

Auditions will be held at Miller Auditorium on **Saturday, October 27, 2018**. Once we receive your application and \$15 application fee, you will be scheduled a time slot between 9am-3pm. Registration deadline is **Friday, October 19, 2018**. Students are eligible to audition if they are enrolled in grades K-12 and reside in one of the following Michigan counties: Allegan, Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren.

The audition music should be a movement of a concerto or composition for solo instrument and orchestra not exceeding ten minutes. It is not necessary to memorize the work for the audition. **Please bring two copies of music for the adjudicators.** Advanced vocal students need to discuss repertoire with KSO Education Manager prior to registering for an audition time. Works selected for performance may require cuts, to be determined in consultation with the student's teacher and the KSO conductor. **Students will need to provide an accompanist for the audition.** While it is best to arrange this through your private teacher, if you cannot find an accompanist, you may contact the KSO Education Manager for a list of local accompanists.

The soloist will be selected on the basis of musical skill with consideration given to the potential "match" with the concert repertoire and instrumentation. Students can be selected for this opportunity a maximum of two times in non-consecutive years.

The winner will rehearse with the orchestra on Friday, December 14th between 7:30-10:00 p.m. and/or Saturday, December 15th between 2:00-4:30pm (exact times will be determined by the Music Director). The winner will perform during the KSO Sounds of the Season Concert, which will take place from 8:00 – 10:00p.m. on Saturday December 15th, 2018 at Chenery Auditorium.

Please mail or deliver application/check to:

Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra
Attn: Liz Youker - Youth Soloist Auditions
359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Ste. 100
Kalamazoo MI 49007

There is a \$15 application fee payable to the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra.

Families for whom the application fee is a barrier to participation may submit a brief statement of financial need in lieu of the fee and should contact KSO if paying an accompanist is not possible.

2018 YOUTH SOLOIST AUDITIONS APPLICATION FORM



CONTACT & PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

SCHOOL _____

GRADE ____ AGE ____ INSTRUMENT _____

YRS OF STUDY _____

REPERTOIRE

TITLE _____ MOVEMENT _____

COMPOSER _____

ACCOMPANIST'S NAME _____

TEACHER'S NAME _____ PHONE _____

PREVIOUS TEACHERS

GROUPS YOU HAVE PERFORMED WITH

PARENTS' NAMES

MUSIC AWARDS, HONORS, ETC. (LIST ON BACK IF NEEDED)

Important Dates to Remember:

Friday, October 19, 2018

Audition Application & Application Fee Due

Saturday, October 27, 2018

Audition's held at Miller Auditorium

Saturday, December 15, 2018

Youth Soloist Winner performs with KSO

at Chenery Auditorium