



KALAMAZOO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Youth Soloist Competition Auditions 2019

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 13.

Auditions will be held at the Light Fine Arts Center on the Kalamazoo College campus on **Saturday, October 26, 2019**. Once we receive your application and \$20 application fee, you will be scheduled a time slot between 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Registration deadline is **Friday, October 18, 2019**. 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, or Van Buren.

The audition music should be a movement of a concerto or composition for solo instrument and orchestra not exceeding 10 minutes. Memorization is not required for audition. **Please bring two copies of music for the adjudicators.** Advanced vocal students need to discuss repertoire with the 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 Thursday, December 12, between 7:30-10:00 p.m., and/or Friday, December 13, between 2-4:30 p.m. (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 8-10 p.m. on Friday, December 13, 2019, at Chenery Auditorium.

Please mail or deliver application/check to:

**Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra
Attn: Rufus Ferguson - Youth Soloist Auditions
359 South Kalamazoo Mall, Ste. 100
Kalamazoo MI 49007**

There is a \$20 application fee payable to the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra.

Families for whom the application or accompanist fee is a barrier to participation may indicate this on the form below.

2019 YOUTH SOLOIST AUDITIONS APPLICATION FORM



KALAMAZOO
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

JULIAN KUERTI
MUSIC DIRECTOR

CONTACT & PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

School _____

Grade _____ Age _____ Instrument _____

Years of Study _____

Parents' Names _____

Important Dates to Remember

Friday, October 18, 2019

Audition Application & Application Fee Due

Saturday, October 26, 2019

Auditions held at Kalamazoo College

Friday, December 13, 2019

Youth Soloist Winner performs with KSO
at Chenery Auditorium

REPERTOIRE

Title _____ Movement _____

Composer _____

Accompanist's Name _____ Phone _____

Teacher's Name _____ Phone _____

Previous Teachers

Groups You Have Performed With

Music Awards, Honors, Etc. (List on back, if needed)

Registration fee is a barrier and I request the fee to be waived

I need assistance with accompanist payment