



Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra

The Jane Rooks Ross and Barry Ross Youth Soloist Competition 2022-23

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 the KSO concert at Chenery Auditorium on April 22nd.

Auditions will be held on **Saturday, January 21, 2023**. Once we receive your application and \$20 application fee, you will be scheduled for a time slot between 9am-1pm. Registration deadline is **Friday, January 13, 2023**. Students are eligible to audition if they are enrolled in grades 12 and under and reside in one of the following Michigan counties: Allegan, Barry, Branch, Berrien, 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. 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 Team 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 Team for a list of local accompanists.

Repertoire limitations: Due to stage size and financial limitations, KSO must review the instrumentation of your selection in advance, as well as any rental fees required to procure the music. Please fill out this [online form](#) as soon as possible so our librarian can confirm these details and work with you and your private teacher if there is a concern.

The soloist will be selected based on musical skills. 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, April 21, 2023**, between 4:00-6:30 p.m. and/or Friday, **April 21, 2023**, between 7:30-10:00 p.m. (exact times will be determined by KSO conductor). The winner will perform during the KSO Family Discovery Concert, which will take place from 3:00-5:30 p.m. on **Saturday, April 22, 2023**, at Chenery Auditorium (714 S. Westnedge Avenue, Kalamazoo 49007).

Please mail or deliver application/payment to:
Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra
Attn: Brenda Swanson - Youth Soloist Competition
359 S. 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 on the form below.

THE JANE ROOKS ROSS AND BARRY ROSS YOUTH SOLOIST COMPETITION 2022-23 APPLICATION FORM



**KALAMAZOO
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**

CONTACT & PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

SCHOOL: _____

GRADE: _____ AGE: _____ INSTRUMENT: _____

YEARS OF STUDY: _____

REPERTOIRE

TITLE: _____ MOVEMENT: _____

COMPOSER: _____

ACCOMPANIST'S NAME: _____

TEACHER'S NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

PREVIOUS TEACHERS: _____

GROUPS YOU HAVE PERFORMED WITH: _____

PARENTS'/GUARDIAN NAMES: _____

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

Important Dates to Remember:

Friday, January 13th, 2023

Audition Application & Application Fee Due

Saturday, January 21, 2023

Auditions 9:00am-1:00pm

Saturday, April 22, 2022

Youth Soloist Winner performs with KSO
at Chenery Auditorium