



# Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra

## Jane Rooks Ross and Barry Ross Youth Soloist Competition 2023/24

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 Miller Auditorium on March 5, 2024.

Auditions will be held on **Saturday, November 11, 2023**. Once we receive your application form and \$20 application fee, you will be scheduled for a time slot between 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Registration deadline is **Friday, November 3, 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 three copies of music for adjudicators.** Advanced vocal students need to discuss repertoire with KSO Education Team, [education@kalamazoosymphony.com](mailto:education@kalamazoosymphony.com), 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 KSO Conductor. **Students will need to provide an accompanist for the audition.** While it is best to arrange this through your teacher, if you cannot find an accompanist, you may contact the KSO Education Team for a list of local accompanists.

The Youth 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 **Monday, March 4, 2024**, between 7:30-10:00 p.m. (exact times will be determined by KSO Conductor). Youth Soloist will perform during the KSO Concert: *Magical Melodies*, which will take place 7:00-9:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**, at Miller Auditorium (2200 Auditorium Drive, Kalamazoo, 49008).

Please mail or hand deliver application & payment to:

**Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra  
Youth Soloist Competition  
359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Ste. 100  
Kalamazoo MI 49007**

There is a \$20 application fee payable to Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra.  
*Families for whom the application or accompanist fee is a barrier to participation, may indicate on the form below.*

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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS TEACHERS: \_\_\_\_\_

ENSEMBLES YOU HAVE PERFORMED WITH: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS'/GUARDIAN NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS'/GUARDIAN CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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APPLICATION FEE IS A BARRIER AND I REQUEST THE FEE TO BE WAIVED

I NEED ASSISTANCE WITH ACCOMPANIST PAYMENT

### Important Dates to Remember:

**Friday, November 3, 2023**

Audition Application & Fee Deadline

**Saturday, November 11, 2023**

Auditions 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
at Miller Auditorium

**Monday, March 4, 2024**

Youth Soloist Winner rehearsal with KSO  
at Miller Auditorium

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

Youth Soloist Winner performs with KSO  
at Miller Auditorium