



August 2nd, 2023

Dear Teachers/Parents/Guardians/Administrators,

The Wagon Wheel Center for the Arts Symphony of the Lakes is a part-time professional orchestra located in Warsaw, Indiana. We are pleased to announce our 9th annual Young Artist Competition. Our organization recognizes that Indiana has many wonderful young musicians of this community and we strongly encourage students from all over the state to participate.

The competition will be Saturday, January 20th 2024, at Warsaw Community High School's Performing Arts Center. The competition consists of a Junior Division (Grades 5-8) and a Senior Division (Grades 9-12) for the following instruments: Orchestral Strings (including Harp), Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion, Piano, and Classical Guitar. Students must meet specific eligibility requirements to participate. The competition will be divided into two rounds: one in the morning, and one in the afternoon; and open to the public.

All students must be a resident of the state of Indiana only. Students must have a private instructor OR participate in musical activities in school. Other rules for the competition can be found in the registration packet. This registration packet can be shareable and is available to download at: <https://forms.gle/xuFxmVGymjQqGQ8A>

The mission of the Symphony of the Lakes is to engage its community and Indiana communities at large, through live musical and educational performances. Each year, our Young Artist Competition showcases some of the greatest young talent that this state has to offer, as well as provides some students an opportunity to play with the symphony. We encourage you to reach out to your students, colleagues, and anyone you think would be interested in knowing about this event.

The application deadline is Friday, December 1st, 2023. If you have any questions please email them to Jonathan Snyder at jonathan@wagonwheelcenter.org

Regards,

Dr. Jason Thompson
Conductor/Music Director for The Symphony of the Lakes

Jonathan Snyder
Personnel Manager/Education & Outreach Coordinator for Symphony of the Lakes



MATERIALS NEEDED

BOTH DIVISIONS

- Entry Form
 - Link to the Entry Google form is included on the bottom of this page.
 - All information must be filled out.
 - Parent/Guardian and instructor signatures are required.
 - Completed form must be submitted by December 1st, 2023.

- Three copies of music for judges (photocopies acceptable) with numbered measures. Measures may be numbered individually or per line.
 - Photocopies should be stapled together, or hole-punched into a folder/binder.
 - Loose pieces of sheet music are unacceptable.

- Three printed copies of resumes for the judges.
 - Resumes should include the student's name, instrument, age, grade, school, private teacher, and musical accomplishments in a traditional resume format that is easy for the judges to read.
 - Resumes must be typed. Handwritten copies are unacceptable.
 - For hard copies of music, please insert resume under front cover, preferably with a paperclip. For folders and binders, either hole-punch or insert resume in a pocket.

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RULES & REGULATIONS

ELIGIBILITY:

- Resident of an Indiana county.
- Previous 1st place winners may **NOT** enter a second time in the same division on the same instrument.
- The competition is open to the following instrument families: Orchestral Strings (including Harp), Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion, Piano, and Classical Guitar.
- Entrants must have a private instructor **OR** participate in musical activities in school.

Junior Division: Grades 5-8 **Senior Division:** Grades 9-12

APPLICATION PROCESS: Entrants must have Entry Form completed and a non-refundable Entry Fee of \$25 submitted no later than Friday, December 1st, 2023. Fee is payable at <https://www.wagonwheelcenter.org/events/young-artist-comp>

REQUIREMENTS

- Entrants should prepare one movement of a concerto or other major work for their instrument that is scored with orchestral accompaniment.
- If orchestral accompaniment rental is cost prohibitive, the winner may be asked to change selection for the performance.
- An accompanist is required for all entries. Please bring your own page-turner if needed.
- Performance time to be 12 minutes or less. Appropriate cuts may be made.

GENERAL DETAILS OF EVENT

- Entrants will have access to a warm-up space before their performance time. Please note that last-minute accompanist changes may not guarantee the ability to warm-up with an accompanist, if the accompanist is working with other entrants in close proximity to assigned performance time.
- Competition times are consecutive and approximate. Entrants will be notified of their warm-up and performance times during the first week of January, 2024.
- Each entrant receives 30 minutes between warm-up time and performance time. Please do not register any less than 10 minutes prior to warm-up time.
- Entrants are not required to stay for the duration of the competition, but must return to the Performing Arts Center for the awards ceremony.
- The competition is open to the public.



AWARDS & PRIZES

SENIOR DIVISION SCHOLARSHIP

- 1st Prize - \$1,000 plus performance with Symphony of the Lakes*
- 2nd Prize - \$500
- 3rd Prize - \$200

JUNIOR DIVISION SCHOLARSHIP

- 1st Prize - \$500 plus performance with Symphony of the Lakes*
- 2nd Prize - \$250
- 3rd Prize - \$150

*Performances for division winners will be scheduled at a later date.