



The 2027 William Schatzkamer Young Artists' Competition

We are delighted to welcome talented young musicians to the University City Symphony Orchestra Young Artists' Competition. The competition offers serious young artists the opportunity to perform in a live audition setting and share their artistry with our judges.

Please review the competition rules and eligibility requirements carefully before submitting your application. We look forward to hearing you perform and wish you the very best in the competition.

RULES FOR ENTRY

Important Dates

January 31, 2027 — Application deadline

February 7, 2027 — Applicants notified of audition time

February 14, 2027 — Live auditions

May 2, 2027, 3:00 PM — Winners perform with the University City Symphony Orchestra

1. Eligibility and Audition Requirements

- Instrumentalists must be **13–22 years old**, inclusive; vocalists must be **16–26 years old**, inclusive.
- Applicants must play classical instruments or be classical vocalists and perform repertoire from the accepted classical tradition that was composed with orchestral accompaniment.
- Instrumentalists should prepare **one movement**; vocalists should prepare **two selections**. Total audition performance time should be approximately **10 minutes**.
- Applicants are responsible for providing their own accompanist for the live audition.
- Previous winners of the Young Artists' Competition are not eligible to compete again for **three years**.

2. Live Audition

- The live audition will be held in the late afternoon and evening on **Sunday, February 14, 2027**, at **Steinway Piano Gallery, 12033 Dorsett Road, Maryland Heights, MO 63043**.
- Applicants will be notified of their assigned audition time by email no later than **February 7, 2027**.
- Winners will be selected on the basis of artistic merit. The judges may select **one or two winners**.
- Applicants will be notified of the competition results by the end of the day on **February 14**.
- *Event details are subject to change.*

3. Winner Performance and Award

- Winner(s) will perform with the **University City Symphony Orchestra** on **Sunday, May 2, 2027**, at **3:00 PM** at the **560 Music Center, 560 Trinity Ave., St. Louis, MO 63130**.
- Rehearsal(s) with Dr. Burke to be mutually arranged. Rehearsal(s) with the orchestra will be held on the **Wednesdays** prior to the concert at **7:30 PM** at **First Congregational Church, 10 W. Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119**. **Dress rehearsal at the concert venue 1:00 PM day of the concert.**
- Each winner will receive a **cash award** in an amount determined by the donor.
- Winners will perform with the orchestra the same work(s) presented at the audition and must be available for the required rehearsals and scheduled concert. Failure to participate in the required rehearsals or performance will result in forfeiture of the cash award and performance opportunity.



- The concert performance will be recorded. By applying, applicants grant the University City Symphony Orchestra permission to use their name, likeness, and performance recordings in UCSO online communications and promotional materials.

4. Application and Entry Fee

- The entry fee is **\$40**.
- Applications and entry fees must be received by **January 31, 2027**.
- *Late applications may be considered at the discretion of the competition committee and, if accepted, will be subject to an additional \$10 fee.*
- Applicants may submit the online application (Google Doc) linked below -or- print and mail a completed application with payment to:
University City Symphony Orchestra
7210 Olive Blvd.
University City, MO 63130
- Entry fees may be paid online through ucso.org. Checks should be made payable to **University City Symphony Orchestra** and mailed.
- An application is considered complete only when both the application and entry fee have been received.

5. Questions

- Questions about the Young Artists' Competition may be directed to **Dr. Leon Burke, Music Director**, at **314-566-1149** or admin@ucso.org.

We wish you every success in your musical pursuits and look forward to hearing you perform.

Sincerely,

Dr. Leon Burke
Music Director
University City Symphony Orchestra



APPLICATION FORM

Either complete the application online at <http://goo.gl/forms/xJRIUZLCA8>

-OR-

Complete this form, then **print and mail**. Must be received by January 31, 2027.

Applicant Information

Full Name: Enter full name

Date of Birth: Enter month/day/year

Email: Enter Email address

Phone: Enter phone Textable? Enter Yes or No

Street Address: Enter street address

City: Enter city State: Enter state ZIP Enter zip code

Parent/Guardian Information – Required for applicants under age 18

Parent/Guardian Name: Enter full name

Email: Enter Email address

Phone: Enter phone Textable? Enter Yes or No

Musical Background

Instrument or Voice Type: Enter instrument or voice classification

School/College Currently Attending: Enter school

Current Grade/Class Year: Enter grade/class year

Private Teacher: Enter private teacher's name

Years of Study: How long have you studied your instrument/voice?

Audition Repertoire

Composer: Enter Composer

Work/Selection and Movement: Enter Title and Movement

Approximate Performance Time: Enter timing

Second Selection (vocalists only)

Composer: Enter Composer

Work/Selection and Movement: Enter Title

Approximate Performance Time: Enter timing

Audition Accompanist: Enter your accompanist's name