



The 2024 William Schatzkamer Young Artists' Competition

We are delighted to have young talent interested in our competition. We think it is a terrific experience for a serious young artist and we welcome your participation. Please read the rules that we have established and then submit your application.

RULES FOR ENTRY

1. Instrumentalists must be between the ages of 13 and 22 inclusive, vocalists between the ages of 16 through 26 inclusive. Applicants must play classical instruments or be classical vocalists, and perform music composed with orchestral accompaniment from the accepted classical repertoire (one movement for instrumentalists, two selections for vocalists). Total performance time should be approximately 10 minutes. Previous winners of the competition are not eligible to compete again for three years.
2. Due to the recent resurgence of COVID, our initial auditions will be virtual (video). Applicants should perform their selections from memory and provide their own accompanist for the video. Applicants should upload a copy of their selection to the [Dropbox](#) for the judges.
3. After reviewing the video submissions, judges will choose the top 5 for an in-person "play-off", which will be held on Sunday, Feb. 4, 2024, at the Steinway Piano Gallery, 12033 Dorsett Rd., Maryland Heights, MO 63043. The judges will base their decision solely on artistic merit. The judges will choose 2 winners from the "play-off." **Live events subject to change.**
4. Winner(s) will perform in concert with the University City Symphony Orchestra on **Sunday, May 5, 2024**, at 3:00 pm at *Kirkwood Performing Arts Center*. The winner must be available to perform and rehearse with the orchestra: failure to adhere to this will result in forfeiting the award and performance. All applicants grant UCSO the rights to use their name, performance, and likeness online and in promotional materials as determined by UCSO, and a recording will be made of the performance, which guest artists may use as an audition piece if they wish. Winners will receive a cash scholarship, the amount of which will be determined by the donor.
5. *Audition videos should be recent (within the last 6 months) and must be submitted via [Dropbox](#) by Jan. 12, 2024.* All contestants will be notified of the initial competition outcome by email no later than Jan. 21, and finalists will be notified of playoff results by Feb. 4. The judges' comments on your performance will also be forwarded.
6. Entry fee is \$40.00.
7. Complete application packets, with video and entry fee, must be received by **January 12, 2024**. *Late registrations will be accepted at the discretion of the judges and will be charged a \$10.00 late fee.* Fill out the online form below or print out the application form, complete it, and mail it with your payment to the Orchestra mailing address as it appears on this stationery with a check made payable to the University City Symphony Orchestra. Fees may be paid online via UCSO.org: [Young Artist Competition | ucs](#)
8. Please feel free to direct inquiries to Dr. Burke at: phone - (314) 566-1149, email – YAC@ucso.org

We wish you the very best in your pursuit of musical excellence and look forward to your submission!

Sincerely,

Dr. Leon Burke, Music Director



APPLICATION FORM

Please type or print. You may submit this page online at <http://goo.gl/forms/xJRIUZLCA8>

Full name:

Birth date:

Parents'/Guardians' full name (if you are under age 16):

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip code:

Phone (home):

(mobile):

E-mail:

Twitter/Instagram/Facebook (include any that you have):

Instrument or Voice:

High School or College currently attending and class year:

Private teacher:

Selection(s) you plan to perform, with composer name:

Accompanist for the audition:

Years of study:

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(only necessary if you will be presented at the concert)

Short Bio

Please include some information about you, how you started in the music world, family info, music groups you play in at school and outside of school, other instruments and activities. If you plan to pursue music at college and/or as a career, please give some information about where you would like to attend or what your career plans are.

Please type using same font as this document – no more than 3 - 4 paragraphs and contained to this page. Attach to this your 5 x 7 photograph, professional quality, black and white glossy.