



The Warminster Symphony Orchestra

Joseph Lovecchio, Music Director / Conductor

Annual

Young Artists Competition

Saturday, April 5, 2025



Cairn University
500 East Fairview Avenue
Langhorne, PA 19047

Youth Division (ages 13-18)
First Prize – \$500.00 *

Children's Division (ages 12 and under)
First Prize – \$300.00 *

* ALL PRIZES INCLUDE A PERFORMANCE
OPPORTUNITY WITH THE
WARMINSTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
DURING THE 2025–2026 SEASON

The **WARMINSTER SYMPHONY SOCIETY** is continuing its long-established tradition of creating an opportunity for aspiring young musicians to perform a solo with the **WARMINSTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** at one of its scheduled concerts during the 2025-2026 season. The orchestra was founded in 1966. It has provided quality music to the area for 58 years. It presently consists of more than 65 dedicated musicians.

***** 2025 Health UPDATE *****

ALL CDC, state, and local health protocols will be strictly followed, as well as the current best practices of our host location.

ELIGIBILITY

The **Warminster Symphony Orchestra Young Artists Competition** is currently in its 40th year of spotlighting talented youth performers. This competition is open to all instrumentalists and vocalists who will be no more than 18 years of age on **April 5, 2025** and currently reside in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery or Philadelphia Counties in Pennsylvania or Burlington, Camden, Gloucester or Mercer Counties in New Jersey. Only complete applications will be considered.

A complete application package consists of:

1. A completed application form.
2. One letter of recommendation (from teachers, conductors, etc.)
3. A photostatic proof of age (birth certificate or passport)
4. Proof of residency (utility bill, school record)
5. An artist biography / resumé
6. A non-refundable application fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to the **WARMINSTER SYMPHONY SOCIETY** in the amount of \$25.00 must accompany the application.

The deadline for submission of the application is **March 29, 2025**. All contestants will receive notification of their acceptance and audition information (time, directions, etc.) **by April 3, 2025**.

LOCATION

Auditions will be held at:

Cairn University Music Building
500 East Fairview Ave., Langhorne, PA 19047

*** SPECIAL TIME REQUESTS ***

Must be made when submitting application. Please clearly attach a note to the application.

While we cannot guarantee your request will be honored, we will attempt to accommodate you.

Questions should be directed to:

215-771-4223

email: Glennaf13@comcast.net

THE AUDITION

**Auditions will take place
Saturday, April 5, 2025.**

Qualifications and Guidelines

1. Auditions are given to woodwind, brass, string, percussion, piano and vocal performers.
2. Auditions are open to students up to and including age eighteen at the time of the audition.
3. Youth Division applicants must be capable of performing one complete movement of a concerto by a major composer or an approved equivalent work. Children's Division applicants must audition on a solo work which has an available orchestral accompaniment.
4. The audition piece must be at least three (3) minutes but no more than ten (10) minutes in length.
5. The audition piece must be the same piece expected to be performed at the concert.
6. **An accompanist is highly encouraged.** The applicant is responsible for bringing an accompanist of their choice.
7. Applicants must complete and return the attached form **by March 29, 2025** to:

Joanne Fitzgerald

623 Delft Lane, Hatboro, PA 19040

All applicants will be notified of their audition time.

PRIZES

The first place winner of each age category will receive a performance opportunity and a monetary prize. They must be available to rehearse and to perform with the **WARMINSTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** at the discretion of the Music Director during a regularly scheduled concert in the 2025-2026 season.

The monetary prizes are:

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JUDGES

Judges for the audition will be distinguished artists in the orchestra and solo field. If a contestant has studied with, or has personal ties to a judge, the judge will be requested to disqualify himself or herself for that contestant. In such a case, the scores of the other judges will be averaged to provide the additional score.

The decision of the judges is final.

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----- Application -----

(Please type or print)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Instrument _____ E-Mail Address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Telephone (including area code) _____

Selection to be performed (include timing) _____

Composer _____

Private Teacher _____ Year(s) _____

Teacher's Email and Phone # _____

Will you be bringing an accompanist? _____ Yes _____ No

Please provide name and phone number. _____

Musical Experience (include any awards received, solo public performances, etc.)

For extensive listings, please attach additional sheet.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Signature of applicant _____

Signature of parent or guardian _____

Have you included: One letter of recommendation Proof of age Proof of residency
Artist biography/resumé (Non-refundable) Check or money order for \$25.00

Application form may be duplicated.

For WSO Use Only: Date Application Received _____ Division _____