



PIKES PEAK PHILHARMONIC

2021 YOUTH CONCERTO COMPETITION RULES AND GUIDELINES

Due to the global pandemic and to maintain the safety of all participants based on current guidelines the Pikes Peak Philharmonic Board has decided to change the format and eligibility requirements for the 2021 Youth Concerto Competition. The competition will still be held but with the following listed changes.

A. ENTRANT ELIGIBILITY

1. Entrant must be a resident of El Paso or Teller County, Colorado.
2. Entrant must be a graduating High School Senior in calendar year 2021.
3. Entrant must have been playing his or her instrument for at least three years prior to the audition.

B. AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

1. Audition piece must **not** have been a winning selection performed during the prior three seasons of the Pikes Peak Philharmonic.

Exclusions for the 2021 competition are:

- *Hungarian Rhapsody*, David Popper, Cello
 - *Cello Concerto in E Minor, Movement 4*, Edward Elgar, Cello
 - *Violin Concerto No. 3, Op. 61 Allegro non troppo*, Camille Saint-Saëns, Violin
2. Performance time of the audition piece should be approximately 4 to 5 minutes.
 3. Entrant's video must contain the entrant playing the submitted audition piece. Entrant must introduce themselves in the beginning of the video indicating their name, instrument, and audition piece.
 4. Entrant is expected and encouraged to have an accompanist play the piece with the entrant during the audition video.
 5. Entrant must have music memorized at the time of audition.
 6. Prior to the time of audition, entrant must provide an electronic copy of the audition solo music to concerto@pikespeakphil.org. Copies will be destroyed after the audition.

C. ENTRANCE FEE

A non-refundable entrance fee of \$10.00* must be paid at or prior to the audition. The fee may be paid online no later than Friday, March 5th, 2021, at <http://pikespeakphil.org/donate.html> (via PayPal), or submitted by check payable to Pikes Peak Philharmonic at the audition.

*If entrant cannot afford the entrance fee, then entrant must submit a written request, with a supporting reason for waiver of the fee to concerto@pikespeakphil.org. Entrant will be informed whether or not the fee will be waived prior to the competition.

D. THE AUDITION

1. Entrant should dress appropriately. Concert dress is not required, but is suggested (for example, attire typically worn for a school concert).
2. Entrant should briefly introduce himself or herself prior to playing (name, age, school, number of years playing, instructor, audition piece, and/or any other comment he or she would like to make).
3. Entrant must upload an MP4 formatted video of the audition piece to the provided upload web link on or before **11:59PM Mountain Standard Time (MST), Friday, March 5th, 2021**.

E. COMPETITION WINNER

1. The Pikes Peak Philharmonic reserves the right not to select a winner of the competition.
2. Due to the current global pandemic and current safety guidelines, there may or may not be an opportunity for the competition

winner to perform with the Pikes Peak Philharmonic during the 2020-2021 concert season.

3. Should circumstances change and the Pikes Peak Philharmonic does schedule a performance date in the 2020-2021 season, an effort will be made to provide a performance date and a time to the competition winner.

F. FAQs

- Q.** Why has the format of the 2021 Youth Competition changed this year?
- A.** Due to the global pandemic and the desire of the Pike Peak Philharmonic to abide by current safety guidelines and to keep all persons involved with the competition as safe as possible, the Pikes Peak Philharmonic Board has determined that a change to a video format for auditions was the best option that would still allow the competition to occur.
- Q.** Why is the competition only available or open to graduating seniors this year?
- A.** The Pikes Peak Philharmonic board feels that due to the current situation preference be given to graduating seniors as they would not otherwise have an opportunity to audition and potentially perform with the orchestra.
- Q.** I auditioned previously but didn't win. Can I audition again?
- A.** Yes. If you are a graduating senior in calendar year 2021, you can audition for this year's competition. If you will not be a senior this year and you will meet eligibility requirements for the competition scheduled in 2022, we would encourage you to audition again in 2022.
- Q.** When will I be notified whether or not I have won the competition?
- A.** Within a week of the competition, the competition coordinator will inform each entrant whether or not he or she has won.
- Q.** Will I be given any remarks about my audition performance?
- A.** Yes. The judging panel will complete a performance score sheet for each entrant and the score sheets will be provided when requested to the entrant within a week or so after the competition. A sample

score sheet is available on our website at <http://pikespeakphil.org/concerto-comp.php>.

- Q.** Who is on the judging panel?
- A.** The judging panel is the board of directors, maestro and concert master of the Pikes Peak Philharmonic.
- Q.** Does my accompanist have to have the music memorized?
- A.** No.
- Q.** I have another question not listed here. Who do I ask?
- A.** Please contact the competition coordinator by email at: concerto@pikespeakphil.org