



## SOLO/CONCERTO COMPETITION

The Potomac Valley Youth Orchestra is pleased to announce our Annual Solo/Concerto Competition on **February 23, 2020**. The competition will be an actual concert event, with selected participants performing their contest pieces with piano accompaniment before a live audience and a panel of judges. This is an exciting and rewarding performance opportunity for our PVYO students.

Competition Divisions:

Concerto Competition Division	School Grades	Other Requirements	Entry Criteria	Division Winner - Award
			<i>Unless otherwise noted, the selection must be a single movement from a Concerto, Sonata, or other Concerto-type work*</i>	
Junior*	4-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Active member of PVYO in good standing.</li> </ul>	Perform a solo approximately 3-7 minutes in length.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$100 Cash Award</li> </ul>
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Honors*	9-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1<sup>st</sup> year, active member of PVYO in good standing.</li> </ul>	Perform a solo approximately 5-10 minutes in length.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$50 Cash Award</li> </ul>
Intermediate*	9-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minimum: 2 years in PVYO in good standing.</li> </ul>	Perform a solo approximately 5-10 minutes in length.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$200 Cash Award</li> </ul>
Senior*	Graduating Seniors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minimum: 2 years in PVYO in good standing.</li> </ul>	Perform a solo or movement of a concerto 5-10 minutes in length.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$750 Cash Award</li> </ul>
Leon Martysz, Jr. Memorial *	Graduating Seniors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minimum: 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year of PVYO in good standing.</li> <li>▪ Planning to major in Music.</li> </ul>	Perform a solo or movement of a concerto 5-10 minutes in length.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Scholarship Award in the amount of \$1000</li> </ul>

\* The winner in each division may be asked to perform at the PVYO 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration scheduled for **Saturday, February 29, 2020**.

All entries should be emailed and postmarked by **Monday, January 6, 2020**.

All YouTube links should be emailed to [executive\\_director@pvyo.org](mailto:executive_director@pvyo.org). Please mail the entry form, original copy of solo score, and \$40.00 fee to:

PVYO – Solo/Concerto Competition  
P.O. Box 3344  
Gaithersburg, MD 20885

# PVYO SOLO/CONCERTO COMPETITION PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES

## PVYO SOLO/CONCERTO COMPETITION PARAMETERS:

The Competition will consist of two rounds:

### VIDEO SUBMISSION ROUND – Deadline: Submitted by Monday, January 6, 2020

The first round will be a Video round with submission of the applicant performing his/her selection **with or without** a piano accompaniment. Entries must be emailed and postmarked by January 6, 2020. Please mail your entry form, original copy of solo score, and non-refundable \$40.00 application fee. In addition, please email your YouTube link to [executive\\_director@pvyo.org](mailto:executive_director@pvyo.org). All entries must contain the completed entry form with all required information provided. Incomplete entries will not be considered. Applicants selected for the performance round will be notified by **February 4, 2020** after review of the recorded performances. YouTube link guidelines below:

- YouTube link submissions must be done in one continuous take; a straight run through performance with no cuts or pastes.
- A date and time stamp must be visible at all times on the recording, or, if no stamp is available, an analog clock with a sweeping second hand must be visible on the recording at all times.
- Please mark “unlisted” in your YouTube settings to give us permission to view the video.

### PERFORMANCE ROUND – 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 23, 2020 – Potter Violins, 7711 Eastern Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912

Finalists will play for the performance round with an accompanist. **It will be the sole responsibility of the contestant to secure accompaniment for this round**, though PVYO will assist in finding qualified accompanists upon request. This round will be performed live before an audience and will be assessed by a panel of judges. The decision of the adjudicators is final. In the event that either of the chosen winners cannot fulfill his/her performance commitment, the Music Director reserves the right to either choose or deny an alternate finalist.

## PVYO SOLO/CONCERTO COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

- The Solo/Concerto Competition is open to students who have been active PVYO members in good standing for the number of years required for the division.
- As a member in good standing, students should have been PVYO members for the full season, submitted all paperwork and fees, and completed the student responsibilities for the year.
- The music performed must meet the requirements for the division.
- It is preferred that accompanists in the Performance Round be adults. If a student accompanist is to be used, the competition committee must clear the performance.
- The contestant must complete and submit the required application form, YouTube link, and non-refundable \$40.00 application fee.
- The Performance round is an actual concert event; **Contestants should wear PVYO Concert Dress as notated in the PVYO Membership Guidelines.**
- Performance from memory is OPTIONAL.
- Beginning in the 2020-2021 Concert Season, any previous year winners will not be eligible to compete if they are still in the same division. Those students must take one year off from competition. Previous year winners may compete if they aged up to a new division.