

POTOMAC VALLEY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

SOLO/CONCERTO COMPETITION

The Potomac Valley Youth Orchestra is pleased to announce our Annual Solo/Concerto Competition on **February 28, 2021**. The competition will be an **ONLINE** event with selected participants presenting a video recording of their contest pieces. This is an exciting and rewarding opportunity for our PVYO students.

Competition Divisions:

Concerto Competition Division	School Grades	Other Requirements <i>Note: Your current year counts as one year.</i>	Entry Criteria <i>Unless otherwise noted, the selection must be a single movement from a Concerto, Sonata, or other Concerto-type work*</i>	Division Winner - Award
Junior A*	4-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active member of PVYO in good standing. 	Perform a solo approximately 3-7 minutes in length.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$100 Cash Award
Junior B*	7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active member of PVYO in good standing. 	Perform a solo approximately 3-7 minutes in length.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$100 Cash Award
1 st Year Honors*	9-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st year, active member of PVYO in good standing. 	Perform a solo approximately 5-10 minutes in length.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$50 Cash Award
Intermediate*	9-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum: 2 years in PVYO in good standing. 	Perform a solo approximately 5-10 minutes in length.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$200 Cash Award
Senior*	Graduating Seniors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum: 2 years in PVYO in good standing. 	Perform a solo or movement of a concerto 5-10 minutes in length.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$750 Cash Award
Leon Martysz, Jr. Memorial *	Graduating Seniors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum: 3rd consecutive year of PVYO in good standing. Planning to major in any Music field. 	Perform a solo or movement of a concerto 5-10 minutes in length.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarship Award in the amount of \$1000

*For 2021 (Covid-Times)

- Preliminary submissions may be submitted with or without accompaniment.
- Unaccompanied **Concert Etudes** are acceptable this year. Concert Etudes **MUST** be approved by the PVYO Music Director. Concert Etudes are unaccompanied works that contain *significant* musical importance beyond technical value.
- Final Round submissions **MUST** be with accompaniment if the composer intended it to be so performed. Pre-recorded accompaniments may be used.
- Many pre-recorded accompaniments to standard repertoire can be found on YouTube; others may be commercially available on eBay, Amazon, etc. It is the student's responsibility to research and procure their accompaniments before they begin the process.
- Students may submit a final recording with live recorded accompaniment or use a pre-recorded accompaniment.

All entries should be submitted by **Monday, January 18, 2021** using the Google Form link below.

Concerto Competition Submission - Google Form Link: <https://forms.gle/YWCfobVMtjtqjf9F9>

PVYO SOLO/CONCERTO COMPETITION PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES

PVYO SOLO/CONCERTO COMPETITION PARAMETERS:

The Competition will consist of two rounds:

1st VIDEO SUBMISSION ROUND – Deadline: Submitted by Monday, January 18, 2021

The first round will be a Video round with a submission of the applicant performing his/her selection **with or without** accompaniment. *All applications/entries must be submitted using the Concerto Competition Google Form Link by January 18, 2021.* Incomplete entries will not be considered. Applicants selected for the Final round will be notified by **February 8, 2021** 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.

FINAL VIDEO ROUND – 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 28, 2021 – ONLINE

Finalists will be instructed to submit a video recording with accompaniment, if required, by February 22, 2021. This round will be presented to the Final Round Judges and presented as an online concert through Zoom. **The decision of the adjudicators is final.**

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.
- Due to Covid-19, see 2021 specific instructions in red on page 1.
- The contestant must complete and submit the required application/Google Form, YouTube link, and non-refundable \$40.00 application fee. (Link to PayPal is in the Google Form.)
- **Contestants should wear PVYO Concert Dress as notated in the PVYO Membership Guidelines to record their finals videos.**
- Performing from memory is encouraged, but OPTIONAL.
- Any student making Finals MUST submit the same work they were accepted on in the 1st Round.
- 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.
- Please email Jennifer Mitchell at executive_director@pvyo.org if you have any questions.