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Tentative competition location:
Southern CT State University, Earl Hall

56th Young Musicians Concerto Competition

Saturday, January 31st, 2026

Saturday, February 14th Snow Date

Judith Kramer Koret, YMCC Chairperson

ELIGIBILITY

This competition is open to all students who have **not yet graduated** from high school, who study voice, piano or any other instrument and who meet the following requirements:

1. Reside, attend school, and/or study music with a teacher in **Connecticut**.
2. Able to perform with the orchestra at HSO's Spring Concert on **Saturday, April 25th, 2026 at 7:30 PM**.
3. Able to attend **at least 3** rehearsals in March and April, including the final rehearsal before the concert (Thursday, April 23rd) at the discretion of the music director.
4. Have **transportation** to all rehearsals and the performance. Our rehearsal and performance venue is Hamden Memorial Town Hall (2372 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518).

AUDITION

1. Music selection will consist of **one concerto movement, or other similar-length work for soloist and orchestra**. Applicants will be informed in a reasonable timeframe after receipt of their application if their selection is not approved by the Hamden Symphony Music Director. If necessary, they will be able to either select an alternate work or withdraw from the competition at that time and have their application fee refunded.
2. The student is **required** to provide their **own accompanist**. The audition **must** be performed with an accompanist.
3. The student is **required** to memorize their **solo part** is for the audition.
4. The student is **required** to provide **five** photocopies of the solo-part for judges at the audition.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented at the performance on **Saturday, April 25th, 2026**.

The application deadline is **Sunday, January 18th, 2026**. *Late applications may be accepted depending on availability of timeslots.*

Application Fee: \$50.00

Payment Options:

- Check made out to Hamden Symphony Orchestra and mailed to the address on the form.
- Digital payment form at our website below.

*If a student finds it necessary to withdraw from the competition, the application fee will be refunded if Hamden Symphony Orchestra is notified by **Sunday, January 18th, 2026**.*

Questions? Email: ymcc@hamdensymphony.org

*Additional applications and a digital payment form are available at our website:
www.hamdensymphony.org/ymcc*



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Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

(most contact will be by e-mail - please make sure it's legible)

Qualifying Street Address (home or school or private teacher in Connecticut) / City / Zip Code:

School: _____ Grade: _____

Audition Instrument/Voice Part: _____

Audition Music *(Subject to Approval of Music Director):*

Composer / Work / Movement (if applicable)

How did you hear about this competition?

I agree to abide by all the requirements listed on the cover page and understand that the decisions of the judges are final.

If I am selected to perform, I authorize Hamden Symphony Orchestra to use photos, or audio and video of the performance on their website or social media channels.

Signature of student: _____

Please Mail Application and \$50 Application Fee (check made out to Hamden Symphony Orchestra):

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Or Email Form To: ymcc@hamdensymphony.org and use digital payment method on website.

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