



Old York Road Symphony Young Artists Competition

For years, the Old York Road Symphony has hosted a Young Artists Competition showcasing the talents of young individuals who have dedicated themselves to their instruments. Chosen by audition, these talented musicians perform with the OYRS in a yearly young artist competition concert.

Auditions will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2026 at Settlement Music School Willow Grove Branch, 318 Davisville Rd., Willow Grove, PA 19090.

All students who are auditioning must abide by the following rules:

1. Students must be age 17 or under as of May 16, 2026.
2. The competition is limited to students who play the piano or an orchestral instrument. Previous winners of this competition are not eligible to apply.
3. Music: A solo or concerto movement that has an orchestral accompaniment must be played from memory. Please note that the judges may request only certain parts of the audition piece to be played, not the entire piece, and may interrupt during the audition to request other passages. Selection for performance with the orchestra is dependent upon availability of the orchestral parts and approval of the Old York Road Symphony Music Director.
4. The student must provide an accompanist and the original music, plus one copy of the music.
5. The winner will perform with the Old York Road Symphony during the 2026-2027 season at the Young Artists Concert, date TBA, and will also receive a cash award.
6. The winner must provide a photographic portrait and a short biography.
7. Students who wish to enter must fill out the Young Artists Student Application. Additionally, students must have their teacher fill out the Young Artists Competition Teacher Recommendation Form. **Both forms can be found online at www.oyrs.org, click on “Young Artists Competition” at the top. For those accessing the website via a mobile device, they must first tap the menu icon in the top right corner.**
8. Students must pay a non-refundable application fee of \$50 at the time of submission. The fee can be paid with all major credit cards or PayPal. Those who do not pay this fee will be ineligible.
9. Students will be notified of their audition time **after** May 1, 2026, the deadline for all form submissions. If students are requesting a specific time window for their audition, that request must be made within the Young Artists Student Application at the time of submission. For further questions please e-mail oyrs1932@gmail.com.
10. Applications must be received no later than Saturday, May 1, 2026.