



## Royal Oak Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition

**Application Deadline: Must be postmarked by January 24, 2024**

The Royal Oak Symphony Orchestra will hold its Young Artist Competition on Sunday, March 17, 2024. One young musician will receive an award in the amount of \$500 and the opportunity to perform with the orchestra the evening of May 10, 2024. In addition, ROSO has partnered with Interlochen Arts Camp offering special awards and scholarship opportunities provided by Interlochen Arts Camp. Please refer to information in red below.

To be eligible for the competition, interested students must:

- be between the ages of 12-18 years. No piano or voice applicants at this time. Previous winners are not eligible.
- submit an unedited audio recording of the applicant performing a concerto movement or other work that requires orchestral accompaniment. **The performance must be submitted with piano accompaniment.** Recordings may be submitted on a CD or flash drive. If a flash drive is submitted, the audio file must be an Mp3, AIFF, or WAV. No DVD or other video formats will be accepted. The applicant's name should not appear on the CD or flash drive. Recordings will not be returned to the applicants.
- complete the written application form that follows on the next page.

Send both the completed application (on the next page) and a non-refundable application fee of \$30.00 (check payable to the Royal Oak Symphony Orchestra) to the address below.

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P.O. Box 1738  
Royal Oak, MI 48068-1738**

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Up to five applicants will advance to the final round. The finalists will be notified by February 17, 2024 and later scheduled for their live audition time. **Each audition must be performed with a piano accompaniment and each finalist must arrange for their own piano accompanist.** The public is invited to the live auditions. Final auditions will be held Sunday, March 17, 2024 at the following location:

**Big Beaver United Methodist Church, 3753 John R Road, Troy, Michigan 48083**

## Application Guidelines:

1. Musical selection must have orchestral accompaniment readily available and at reasonable cost. If for any reason the winner's original selection is deemed unsuitable for a ROSO performance at this time, ROSO has the right to request a repertoire change for the concert performance. Factors that may prompt a request for different repertoire include excessively large instrumentation, length, the practicality of adequate preparation within the allotted rehearsal time, excessive cost, etc.
2. Three (3) copies of the music to be performed must be provided to the adjudication panel.
3. Applicants must be available to perform with the orchestra on the evening of May 10, 2024. The winner is also required to attend two rehearsals with ROSO; one to be designated by the Music Director and the dress rehearsal on Thursday, May 9, 2024.
4. Decisions of the selection committee and audition judges are final. The judges will be a committee of professional musicians, coordinated by John McLaughlin Williams, Music Director and Conductor of the Royal Oak Symphony Orchestra.

## INTERLOCHEN ART CAMP OPPORTUNITY

Since 1928, Interlochen Arts Camp has been a global leader in youth arts education. Each summer, Interlochen welcomes more than 2,500 artists ages 8 to 18 from 40 countries and 53 states/territories to study music, theatre, dance, visual arts, creative writing, and film in programs ranging from 1-6 weeks. Interlochen Arts Camp is the first and longest-operating fine arts summer camp in the United States, and as we anticipate the start of our 93rd Arts Camp this summer, we are pleased to partner with Royal Oak Symphony to offer this experience to deserving young artists.

- **All** Young Artist Competition Applicants are eligible for a guaranteed \$500 Interlochen Arts Camp Scholarship and application fee waiver
- Young Artist Competition Finalists are guaranteed a \$2,000 Interlochen Arts Camp Scholarship and application fee waiver
- Young Artist Competition Winners receive a 50% scholarship to Interlochen Arts Camp and application fee waiver

All scholarships are eligible for 2024 OR 2025 programs.

*All of these awards would be dependent on the successful application to our programs and would only be applicable to a 3- or 6-week boarding program. Royal Oak Symphony will connect applicants directly to Interlochen. The Interlochen awards are separate from the monetary award provided by the Royal Oak Symphony Orchestra.*

**If there are questions or concerns, please contact: Lisa Kimmel: [strings1234@att.net](mailto:strings1234@att.net) or Michele Prud'homme: [mprudhomme@comcast.net](mailto:mprudhomme@comcast.net) or visit [www.RoyalOakOrchestra.org](http://www.RoyalOakOrchestra.org).**

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PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Age/Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Orchestra or Band Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Private Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Music Selection \_\_\_\_\_

Composer \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanist \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about this competition \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Required if applicant is under 18)

Signatures indicate that the information on this sheet is correct and you agree with the terms stated on the previous page.

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ROYALOAKORCHESTRA.ORG**