



2023-2024 SEASON

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONCERTO COMPETITION



BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA | 2023–24 CONCERTO COMPETITION

AUDITION INFORMATION

The Boston Symphony Orchestra is pleased to announce a world-class educational opportunity for up-and-coming teenage musicians: the 2023–2024 Concerto Competition. The competition is open to all advanced high school instrumentalists in Massachusetts in the 10th through 12th grades, and the winner will have the unparalleled opportunity to perform onstage as a soloist with the BSO!

Audition Timeline:

Preliminary Auditions: All applicants must fill out and submit the [online application](#) form and \$30 registration fee by **Wednesday, September 27, 2023**.

Please note: The BSO has a scholarship fund in place to cover the registration fee for those with financial need. If you would like to know more about fee waivers, contact the education team at education@bso.org.

Final Auditions: Selected applicants will be invited to Symphony Hall for the live final audition round on **October 12, 2023**.

Please also note: Final auditions will be much sooner after applications have been submitted than in previous seasons.

Awards:

The top prize is the Cornelius A. & Muriel P. Wood Award. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 and the opportunity to perform with the Boston Symphony Orchestra on **October 28, 2023**.

The first and second runners-up will also receive cash prizes.

Preliminary Auditions/Online Application

Click [HERE](#) to access and submit the online application form.

- 1. Repertoire:** A list of your current repertoire **saved as a PDF**.
- 2. Audition:** A video recording of you performing a piece or a movement from a work that can be accompanied by an orchestra, no longer than 10 minutes.

PLEASE BE SURE TO TEST YOUR VIDEO RECORDINGS TO MAKE SURE THEY PLAY WITHOUT INCIDENT. THE AUDIO SHOULD BE OF THE HIGHEST AUDIO FIDELITY.

ONLY the following video formats will be accepted by the performance application system:
.mp4, .wmv, .mov, and .avi.

- 3. Letter of Intent:** A two–three sentence statement about your intent to enter the competition, verifying that you're a Massachusetts resident, and signed by your parent/guardian and music instructor, **saved as a PDF**.
- 4. Registration fee:** A \$30 check made payable to Boston Symphony Orchestra and mailed to the following address:

Boston Symphony Orchestra Education Dept./Concerto Competition
301 Massachusetts Ave.
Boston, MA 02115

Please see above for instructions on how to request a fee waiver.

All competitors will be notified by **October 6, 2023**, whether they have qualified for the live final audition round.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact us at (617)-933-2705 or education@bso.org.