

# Utah Symphony Youth Guild Recital Auditions and Recital

## DIVISIONS

Students will be assigned to the following divisions based on age as of March 1, 2023:

Piano	All Other Instruments	Ensemble
Elementary: Ages 10, 11, 12	Elementary: Ages 10, 11, 12	There are no age divisions
Intermediate: Ages 13, 14, 15	Intermediate: Ages 13, 14, 15	
Senior: Ages 16, 17, 18	Senior: Ages 16, 17, 18	

## AWARDS

Up to 12 students (up to 2 from each of the Piano and All Other Instruments divisions) may be selected to perform a selection at the Youth Guild Recital. Up to 2 ENSEMBLES may also be selected to perform. Students may also receive an honorable mention.

Students selected from senior divisions will each receive \$250; each Junior performer will receive \$200; and Elementary performers will receive \$150. Each ensemble member will receive \$75. Each recital performer will also receive one book of Youth Guild student vouchers for the Utah Symphony 2022-23 season. Recital performers will be featured on Lobbyfest in the 2023-24 season.

All students who perform as soloists on the Youth Guild Recital will be eligible for Salute to Youth final auditions for the 2023-24 season, subject to Salute to Youth eligibility rules. Ensembles will similarly be eligible but only in the same ensemble configuration of personnel and instruments as they perform on the Youth Guild Recital. This eligibility will not transfer to individual members of any ensemble. Salute to Youth auditions require additional concerto repertoire not eligible for the Youth Guild Recital auditions.

## FEEDBACK

In order to enhance the educational value of auditions for all participants, each student will receive feedback from judges following the auditions. For ensembles, the comments will focus on the ensemble rather than individual performers.

## ELIGIBILITY

Contestants must be members of the Utah Symphony Youth Guild who have completed, or have arranged to complete, a minimum of 4 combined education and service credits by the application deadline. These activities should be Youth Guild-sponsored events whenever possible. If you are not able to earn sufficient credits from Youth Guild events, you may submit a description of a similar personal activity, which may be accepted as a credit at the sole discretion of the Youth Guild Committee. Students who audition but do not complete their education and service credits during the 2022- 23 season will not be eligible to audition in 2023-24. Call Sandra Marsh (678-764-0363) with eligibility questions.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- All applications must be submitted online by February 24, 2023 at 5 pm. A non-refundable registration fee (submitted through the Youth Guild Square Store) of \$40.00 for soloists and \$20.00 for each member of an ensemble must accompany each application.
- Each member of an ensemble should fill out an application and submit payment separately.
- Students applying for more than one instrument, or both solo and ensemble, must submit separate applications and fees for each.
- Within 48 hours of submitting the application, all applicants must have their private music teacher or ensemble coach email Sandra Marsh at sandrasmash@gmail.com certifying their preparedness to play the proposed repertoire.
- The time and order of auditions will be determined at the discretion of Symphony staff. We will do our best to accommodate scheduling requests, but they must be received with the application.
- Each entrant will be advised of the approximate time of his/her audition by e-mail. Times are subject to change.
- Entrants will be identified to judges by number only.

## **YOUTH GUILD RECITAL SELECTION PROCESS – IMPORTANT DATES**

February 24	Applications Due by 5 pm Education/service credits completed (or scheduled) by this date May 13
February 27	Notice of audition times e-mailed
March 10	Audition Day 1 (piano)
March 11	Audition Day 2 (all other instruments)
TBD	Utah Symphony Youth Guild Recital

## **Rules for Youth Guild Recital Auditions**

### **2022-23 SELECTION OF AUDITION REPERTOIRE**

1. Solos: Applicants must perform a solo repertoire work, which may include piano accompaniment in the “Other Instruments” division only. One movement of a larger work is acceptable. Concertos may not be played in any instrument division. Audition selections should be pieces written specifically for solo instrument (with piano accompaniment in the “Other Instruments” division only).
2. Ensembles: Applicants must perform an ensemble repertoire work which may include piano if it was originally written that way. Piano duets are eligible to audition but we cannot accommodate any ensemble requiring more than one piano. One movement of a larger work is acceptable. Concertos may not be played on the recital.
3. Because some pieces have been written both as solo pieces with piano or orchestral accompaniment, any piece on the Salute to Youth repertoire list is excluded from the eligible repertoire for the Youth Guild Recital. You can find the current Salute to Youth repertoire list on our website at [www.utahsymphony.org/education/youth-guild](http://www.utahsymphony.org/education/youth-guild).
4. The musical selection may not exceed 10 minutes in length.

5. Applicants must prepare selections in their entirety, with no cuts. No modifications should be made to the original solo part.

## AUDITION DETAILS

6. Applicants shall audition for approximately 4—6 minutes. Actual length of audition will be at the discretion of the judges and may be adjusted due to the number of entries received. Judges reserve the right to stop a performance at any time, or to request rendition of isolated sections of the pieces.

7. Solo applicants are required to perform from memory.

8. Solo applicants (except pianists) are required to provide their own accompanists if the selected repertoire is written with accompaniment. There are no restrictions on who may accompany an audition. No ensemble accompaniment (e.g., keyboard and continuo) will be permitted. In the piano division, no second-piano accompaniment will be used. For “other instruments,” adequate accompaniment is advised, since the quality of the performance is vitally affected by the quality of accompaniment.

9. Applicants shall provide the judges with one original copy of the solo part. Photocopies will not be accepted. No markings should be made on the judges’ part.

## OTHER RULES

10. If selected for the recital, students must perform the piece auditioned. Students must provide their own accompanists, if needed.

11. Applicants must appear at least 30 minutes prior to their designated audition time or forfeit entry.

12. We will do our best to accommodate scheduling requests, but they must be received with the application.

13. Students must audition in their own age division. Students will be assigned to the following divisions based on age as of March 1, 2023:

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Ensemble
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14. All auditions will be closed. No audio or sound monitoring will be permitted, and all parties other than the auditioning student(s) and accompanist must remain in the waiting area at all times.

15. All students should provide an electronic version of a short biography (less than 175 words) prior to the audition. Email biographies to [kjohnson@usuo.org](mailto:kjohnson@usuo.org).

16. **COURTESY AND SPORTSMANSHIP RULES** The Utah Symphony Youth Guild Recital is first and foremost an educational opportunity for students. Students benefit greatly by learning to display proper and courteous behavior regardless of their personal results. Parents and teachers share in the responsibility of teaching these values through example. Interfering with entrants or audition procedures, using abusive or offensive language, or making disrespectful remarks concerning applicants, parents, teachers,

volunteers, judges, or the selection process instills in students values in direct opposition to those intended to be taught by the Youth Guild. Any behavior deemed by the Utah Symphony administration to degrade the high quality of courtesy and sportsmanship expected of the Youth Guild may result in disqualification for the current or future years. This statement applies to students, parents and teachers before, during and after the selection process.

17. COVID-19 POLICY: Utah Symphony | Utah Opera will no longer require proof of vaccination, negative Covid-19 tests, or face coverings at its venues and performances.

*The Utah Symphony Administration reserves the right to make binding decisions in unusual or questionable circumstances in regards to audition requirements and regulations, or to their intent, or to any situation not specifically covered by the above.*