# UTAH SYMPHONY 2025-26 SALUTE TO YOUTH

## PRELIMINARY AND FINAL AUDITION INFORMATION

Entering its 65th year the Salute to Youth concerto concert is a long-standing Utah Symphony tradition in which Utah's young musicians in piano, strings, winds, brass, percussion, harp, voice, and small ensemble compete for the opportunity to perform as a soloist with the Utah Symphony. This concerto competition is committed to supporting, fostering, and recognizing extraordinary young musicians in the state of Utah. Auditions are adjudicated by the Utah Symphony's distinguished panel who look for exceptional technique and musicality. The final competition takes place in September with preliminary auditions in July. **Up to two winners** from each age division will solo with the Utah Symphony on Wednesday, November 12, 2025. Online applications with open May 1, 2025. **Please carefully read the eligibility and other rules as they were changed in 2024**.

# **COMPETITION STEPS:**

- 1. Complete the online application by July 1, 2025.
- 2. Make a nonrefundable payment of \$40 for soloists and \$20 for each ensemble member. Payment is collected after submitting your application. Need-based scholarships are available in the application to students on the basis of annual household income. For more information please email Dr. Wiley at <a href="mailto:jwiley@usuo.org">jwiley@usuo.org</a>
- 3. Submit your preliminary recording. Within five business days of submitting your online application and payment, you will receive an email from Dr. Wiley giving you an assigned applicant number and a link to a Google Form to upload your recording. Your recording must be labeled only with your instrument, division, and applicant number. Do not use your or anyone else's names in the title. Ex) "Bassoon, Senior, 417"
- 4. Results of the preliminary auditions will be emailed by August 16, 2025. If selected to perform in the final auditions you must submit a clean electronic score of your piece to Dr. Wiley at jwiley@usuo.org
- 5. Final auditions are in person at Abravanel Hall on September 8, 2025. Within 24 hours of competing in the final round the audition results will be emailed. The winners will solo with the Utah Symphony on November 12, 2025. Please note that the final audition round will be performed behind a screen and repertoire must be memorized for soloists.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Please note there are no exceptions to these deadlines. If you are unable to attend any of these dates you will be disqualified.

Now-June 6, 2025 Repertoire requests sent to Dr. Wiley at <a href="mailto:jwiley@usuo.org">jwiley@usuo.org</a>

July 1, 2025 Applications and fees are completed and payed, need-based scholarships available

July 13, 2025 Submit your preliminary audition recordings
August 15, 2025 Results of preliminary auditions emailed

September 8, 2025 Final audition round

TBA Photo shoot, interview, and score reading session November 12, 2025 Salute to Youth Concert with Utah Symphony

## **Age Divisions**

(Age as of September 1, 2025) There are four divisions, e.g., three age divisions (Elementary, Junior, and Senior) in each instrumental group and an ensemble division. Up to two winners can be selected from each division.

| DIVISION   | PIANO     | STRINGS   | WINDS     | BRASS     | PERCUSSION | HARP      | VOICE     |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Elementary | Age 8-12  | Age 8-12  | N/A       | N/A       | N/A        | Age 8-12  | N/A       |
| Junior     | Age 13-15 | Age 13-15 | Age 13-17 | Age 13-17 | Age 13-17  | Age 13-15 | Age 16-18 |
| Senior     | Age 16-19 | Age 16-19 | Age 18-21 | Age 18-21 | Age 18-21  | Age 16-19 | Age 19-23 |

**ENSEMBLE:** Groups are allowed to be mixed in age/division. Students do not need to be in the same division as each other when performing together as an ensemble.

#### **Salute to Youth Audition Rules**

\*Failure to follow any of these rules will disqualify you. No exceptions to these rules are allowed.

## **Courtesy and Sportsmanship:**

Utah Symphony competitions are designed to provide a rewarding educational experience to students whose hard work and dedication has already been proven. Students benefit greatly by learning to display proper and courteous behavior, even when faced with the stress of competition or the disappointment of not placing. Competitors, parents, and teachers share in the responsibility of upholding these standards.

Anyone interfering with contestants or competition procedures; using abusive or offensive language; or making disrespectful remarks concerning contestants, parents, teachers, judges, staff, volunteers or the competition is strictly prohibited. Any behavior deemed by Utah Symphony administration to degrade the high quality of courtesy and musicianship expected of those invited to compete may result in disqualification for the current and/or future years.

# **Eligibility:**

- 1. Must be a current Utah resident and have a valid Utah mailing address.
  - **NEW SINCE 2024:** Residency is defined as having lived in Utah for a continuous 12 months prior to submission of the application and/or being claimed as a dependent for tax purposes by a Utah resident. Participants must also be living full-time in Utah during September 8 November 12, 2025.
- 2. Must fit into the instrumental and age divisions, see page 1.
- 3. **NEW AS OF 2024:** You are only allowed to win once in each age division. If you win in your age division you are not allowed to audition in that division again. Once you age into the next division you can audition in that division. For example:
  - If you won in 2023 in the Junior division you are not eligible to win in this age division again. You would have to wait to age into the Senior division to be eligible for the competition again.
  - If you win in the ensemble division and you are a junior and your partner is a senior this will count as your junior win for you and a senior win for your partner.

#### **Application & Fees:**

- 1. Applications must be completed online by July 1, 2025.
- 2. Pay a nonrefundable fee: \$40 for soloists; \$20 for each member of an ensemble.
  - a. After submitting your application, a box will pop up asking to complete your application by making the online payment. Applications are not complete without payment. Need-based scholarships are available.
- 3. Each individual in an ensemble needs to submit a separate application and pay the \$20 fee.
- 4. A separate application and fee must be submitted for each piece played.
  - a. Students may audition with only one solo piece on a single instrument.
  - b. Students may audition as a soloist on different instruments.
  - c. Students may audition as a soloist and in an ensemble on the same instrument.
  - d. Students may audition as a soloist and in an ensemble on different instruments.

# <u>Repertoire</u>

- 1. **NEW AS OF 2024:** Choose a movement of a concerto. The 2024 Salute to Youth Repertoire List on pages 4-8 are suggestions only, for any piece not on this list please email Dr. Wiley for approval, <u>jwiley@usuo.org</u>.
- 2. Your selection must be your piece for the final audition round and the concert if selected.
- 3. Every soloist including pianists and small ensembles must use piano accompaniment in their recording. No other accompaniment or recorded accompaniment is allowed. You are responsible for finding your accompanist, accompanists are not provided by USUO.
- 4. Any modifications made to the original solo part must be approved by Dr. Wiley, jwiley@usuo.org.
- 5. Soloists must play from memory for the final audition and the concert; however, small ensembles are allowed to use music for both the final audition and concert.

# **Recording Guidelines**

- 1. All preliminary audition recordings must be audio only, no video.
- 2. No talking of any kind is allowed in the recording. Recordings with any speech are disqualified.
- 3. Submit your recording using the Google Form sent to you. This Google Form will be emailed to you within five business days of submitting your application and application fee.
- 4. Label your recording only with your instrument, division, and applicant number. Ex) "Bassoon, Senior, 417." Don't include any names anywhere in the file name of the recording when you save and upload it. Names in this file will disqualify you from the competition. Applicant numbers are assigned after you submit your application and pay your application fee. This applicant number is included in the email with the link to the Google Form to upload your recording.
- 5. No editing, splicing, or digital manipulation of the recording is permitted. The recording should be reflective of the applicant's ability in a live situation. No cuts in the solo line is allowed and all cadenzas must be played. Cuts in the accompaniment are encouraged.
- 6. Recordings are listened to for the quality of your performance, not the quality of the recording; thus, it is not necessary to have your recording professionally made; however, please check the balance between yourself and your accompanist. Recordings where your planist is covering you is not a clear representation of your playing.
- 7. Recordings must be from no earlier than March 1, 2025.
- 8. Recordings must include piano accompaniment.

#### **Final Audition Round Rules**

- 1. Every soloist, including pianists and small ensembles, must provide their own piano accompaniment; accompanists are not provided. Please keep in mind that the quality of accompaniment may affect your own performance.
- 2. Final auditions will take place at Abravanel Hall on September 8, 2025. All auditions will be performed behind a screen. You will perform in person but not be seen by the judges.
- 3. The length of auditions will be at the discretion of the judges and may be adjusted due to the number of entries. Judges reserve the right to stop an audition at any time or to request the rendition of isolated sections of the audition piece.
- 4. Audition times will be assigned by the Utah Symphony and cannot be changed. Contestants must arrive at least 30 minutes before their scheduled audition time.
- 5. **NEW AS OF 2024:** Your electronic score should be submitted by August 29, 2025 to Dr. Wiley, <a href="mailto:jwiley@usuo.org">jwiley@usuo.org</a>. Cuts and/or cadenzas being taken must be indicated, no other writing is allowed on the score. It must be a clean copy and the same edition of the solo you are performing.
- 6. At check-in, a warm-up room will be assigned based on your audition time.
- 7. Judges receive no information about competitors' identities, teachers, or biographies. At no time prior to or during the audition is anyone allowed to disclose to the judges any information regarding the finalists. Judges are emailed who the finalist are the same day as participants.
- 8. Judges are solely responsible for determining the number of winners and the order of performance for the concert.
- 9. All auditions are closed to any audience. All persons competing or waiting for a competitor must remain in the designated waiting areas.
- 10. Video and/or audio recording of the final auditions is strictly prohibited.
- 11. The selection of soloists by the audition committee is final. If selected, the auditioned work is to be performed in the Salute to Youth concert. No repertoire change is permitted.
- 12. Any participant submitting false data during any part of the competition will be immediately disqualified at the sole discretion of USUO.
- 13. Any expenses related to the audition or performance are the responsibility of the contestant.

Failure to follow any of the above rules will lead to automatic disqualification from the audition or performance. Utah Symphony 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.

# **2024 SALUTE TO YOUTH**

#### APPROVED REPERTOIRE LIST

**NEW AS OF 2024:** This list is just an idea of pieces you could choose to perform. If a piece is not listed here please email Dr. Wiley at <a href="mailto:jwiley@usuo.org">jwiley@usuo.org</a> for approval on your chosen piece. All repertoire requests must be submitted by <a href="mailto:june 6">June 6</a>, <a href="mailto:2025">2025</a>. Selections should be made with the following in mind:

- Reflect mastery of the fundamental repertoire for each instrument.
- Financial consideration for music rental and purchase costs is a factor.
- The rules state that no modifications should be made to the solo part. This holds for the majority of pieces. There are a few pieces especially those with connected movements for which we will make exceptions to this rule. Those pieces are noted with an asterisk and the allowable cuts for those movements and can be found at the end of the repertoire list. Other cuts must be approved by emailing Dr. Wiley at jwiley@usuo.org

# **Instrument Categories:**

# **Small Ensemble**

Concertos written for multiple solo instruments will be considered for audition for 2025-26. <u>All ensemble repertoire must be submitted for approval</u> by Utah Symphony by <u>June 6, 2025</u>. Requests for approval should be sent to Dr. Wiley, <u>jwiley@usuo.org</u>

#### Piano

Faure

Franck

(Concertos for multiple pianos are not eligible for consideration)

J.S. Bach Keyboard Concertos BWV 1052 to 1059

Beethoven Any Concerto\*

Chopin Andante Spianato and Grande Polonaise No. 58

Concerto for Piano, no. 1 in E minor, Op. 11 Concerto for Piano, No. 2 in F minor, Op. 21

Ballade for Piano and Orchestra, Op. 19
Symphonic Variations for Piano and Orchestra

Gershwin Concerto in F Major for Piano

Rhapsody in Blue

Grieg Concerto for Piano in A minor, Op. 16

Haydn Any Concerto Khachaturian Piano Concerto

Liszt Piano Concerto No. 1 in E-flat Major

Piano Concerto No. 2 in A Major

Hungarian Fantasy for Piano and Orchestra

Totentanz for Piano and Orchestra

Macdowell Concerto for Piano, No. 2 in D minor, Op. 23 Mendelssohn Concerto for Piano, No. 1 in G minor, Op. 25

Concerto for Piano, No. 2 in D minor, Op. 40

Mozart Any Concerto

Prokofiev Concerto for Piano, No. 1 in D-flat Major, Op. 10

Concerto for Piano, No. 2, in G minor, Op. 16

Concerto for Piano, No.3

Rachmaninoff Concerto for Piano, No. 1 in F-sharp minor, Op. 1

Concerto No. 2 in C minor, Op. 18

Ravel Piano Concerto in G Major

Saint-Saëns Concerto for Piano, No. 2 in G minor, Op 22

Concerto for Piano, No. 3 in E-flat Major, Op. 29 Concerto for Piano, No. 4 in C minor, Op. 44\* Concerto for Piano, No. 5 in F Major, Op. 103

Schumann Concerto for Piano in A minor, Op. 54

Introduction and Allegro Appassionato, Op. 92

Shostakovich Concerto, Piano, No. 1, Op. 35

Concerto for Piano, No. 2, Op. 102

Tchaikovsky Concerto for Piano, No. 1, in B-flat minor, Op. 23 Weber Konzertstück in F minor for Piano. Op. 79

# **Violin**

J.S. Bach Violin Concerto No. 1 in A minor, BWV 1041

Violin Concerto No. 2 in E Major, BWV 1042

Barber Violin Concerto, Op. 14
Beethoven Concerto in D Major, Op. 61

Bériot, Charles-Auguste de) Violin Concerto No. 9 in A minor, Op.104

**Brahms** Concerto in D Major, Op. 77

Bruch Concerto, Violin, No. 1 in G minor, Op. 26 Scottish Fantasy, Op. 46; Finale only

Poeme for Violin and Orchestra, Op. 25 Chausson Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in E minor\* Conus

Dvorak Violin concerto A minor, Op. 53

Concerto, Violin, No. 1, in C Major, H.VIIA:1 Haydn

Symphonie Espagnole, Op. 21 I alo Concerto for Violin, E minor, Op. 64 Mendelssohn

Mozart Any Concerto

Paganini Concerto for Violin, No. 1 in D Major, Op. 6 Prokofiev Concerto for Violin, No. 1 in D Major, Op. 19 Concerto for Violin No. 2 in G minor, Op. 63 Saint-Saëns

Concerto for Violin, No. 3 in B minor, Op. 61

Havanaise, Op. 83

Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso, Op. 28

Sarasate Carmen Fantasy, Op. 25

Zigeunerweisen (Gypsy Airs), Op. 20

Shostakovich Violin Concerto, No. 1

Sibelius Concerto for Violin in D minor, Op. 47

Violin Concerto No. 8, Op. 47 Spohr

Tchaikovsky Concerto for Violin, in D Major, Op. 35; Finale only

Viotti Concerto for Violin, No. 22 in A minor

Vivaldi Any Concerto

Violin Concerto No. 2 in D minor, Op. 22 Wieniawski

Viola

J.C. Bach (Casadesus) Concerto in C Minor

Bartók Concerto Bloch Suite (1919) Suite Hebraique Bruch Romanze David, G. Concerto

Forsyth Concerto in G minor Handel (Casadesus) Concerto in B minor Hindemith Der Schwanendreher Hoffmeister Concerto in D Major

Hummel Fantasie Serly Rhapsody

Sitt Concertpiece in G minor, Op. 46

Theme & Variations for Viola and Orchestra Shulman

Concerto in D Maior Stamitz Concerto in G Major Telemann

Vaughan-Williams Suite for Viola and Orchestra Weber Andante & Hungarian Rondo

Walton Concerto

Cello

Boccherini Cello Concerto in B-flat Major No. 9 G. 482 Dvorak Cello Concerto in B minor, Op. 104

Rondo in G minor for Cello and Orchestra, Op. 94

Silent Woods

Cello Concerto in E minor, Op. 85 Elgar Faure Elegie for Cello and Orchestra, Op. 24 Cello Concerto No. 1 in C Major, H. VIIB:1 Haydn

Cello Concerto No. 2 in D Major, H. VIIb/2, Op. 101

Cello Concerto in D minor Lalo

Saint-Saëns Cello Concerto No. 1 in A minor, Op. 33\* Schumann Concerto for Cello in A minor, Op. 129 Shostakovich Cello Concerto No. 1 in E-flat Major, Op. 107 Variations on a Rococo Theme, Op. 33 Tchaikovsky

Vivaldi Any Concerto

**Bass** 

Bottesini Concerto No. 2 in B minor Concerto in F Maior Capuzzi Dittersdorf Concerto in E Major

Dragonetti Concerto in A Major Koussevitzky Concerto in E minor Vanhal Concerto in E Major

**Flute** 

Blavet

J.S. Bach Suite No. 2 in B minor, BWV 1067

Borne Carmen Fantasy C.P.E. Bach Concerto in A Major Concerto in G Major

Concerto in D minor Concerto in A minor

Chaminade Concertino, Op. 107 (1902) in D Major

Faure Fantasy for Flute and Chamber Orchestra, Op. 79

Gordeli Concertino for Flute and Orchestra\* Hanson, H.

Serenade, op. 35

Hue **Fantaisie** Ibert Concerto (1933)\* Liebermann Concerto, Op. 39 Ballade (1944) Martin

Concerto in G Major KV 313 Mozart Concerto in D Major KV 314

Nielsen Concerto

Pergolesi Concerto in G Major Concerto in D Major

Poulenc Sonata (Orchestrated by Berkley)

Quantz Concerto in G Telemann Suite in A minor

Concerto for Flute in D Major, Op. 283 Reinecke

Rivier Concerto

Vivaldi Concerto in C minor Concerto in G Maior

Concerto in G minor

Cardellino

Oboe

Albinoni Concerto No. 3 in B-flat Concerto No. 6 in D Barber

Canzonetta, Op. 48 Concerto in C minor Cimarosa Corelli (Barbirolli) Oboe Concerto

Handel Concerto No. 1 in B-flat Major, HWV 301

Haydn Concerto in C Major

Concertos in D minor and C minor Marcello, A.

Concerto for Oboe Mozart

Strauss, R. Concerto for Oboe in D Major

Telemann Concerto in F minor

Clarinet

Mozart Clarinet Concerto, K. 622 in A Major

Nielsen Concerto, Op. 57 Stamitz Any Concerto

Clarinet Concerto No. 1, Op. 73 in F minor Weber Clarinet Concerto No. 2, Op. 74 in E-flat Major

Concertino, Op. 26 in E-flat Major

Saxophone

Debussy Rhapsody for Alto Saxophone Concerto for Alto Saxophone Dubois Concerto for Alto Saxophone Glazunov Ibert Concertino da camera

Martin Ballade Scaramouch Milhaud Fantasia Villa Lobos

<u>Bassoon</u>

Mozart Concerto for Bassoon in Bb Major, K. 191

Phillips, Burrill Concert Piece for Bassoon Villa-Lobos Ciranda das Sete Notas

Vivaldi Any Concerto

Weber Andante and Hungarian Rondo, Op. 35 Concerto for Bassoon, Op. 75 in F Major

French Horn

Haydn Concerto No. 1 in D Concerto No. 2 in D

Jacob Concerto for Horn and Strings
Mozart Concerto No. 1 in D K. 412
Concerto No. 3 in Eb K 447
Strauss, F. Concerto op. 8 in C minor

Strauss, F. Concerto op. 8 in C minor Strauss, R. Concerto No. 1 in E-flat, Op. 11

Telemann Concerto in D

**Trumpet** 

Artunian Trumpet Concerto in A-flat
Haydn Trumpet Concerto in E-flat Major
Hummel Trumpet Concerto in E Major
Trumpet Concerto in E Major
Zimmerman, B.A. "Nobody Knows de Trouble I See"

**Trombone** 

Bozza Ballade

David, F. Concertino in E-flat, Op. 4

Grondahl, L Concerto

Guilmant Morceau Symphonique

Martin, F. Ballade for Trombone and Chamber Orchestra

Rimsky-Korsakov Concerto for Trombone and Military Band in B-flat Major

Bass Trombone

Ewazen, E. Ballade

Concerto

Lebedev, A. Concerto in One Movement McCarty, P. Sonata for Bass Trombone

**Euphonium** 

Cosma Euphonium Concerto
Feinstein Concerto for Euphonium
Guilmant Morceau Symphonique
Horovitz Euphonium Concerto
Linkola Euphonium Concerto

Spark, arr. Frey Pantomime

<u>Tuba</u>

Gregson, Edward Tuba Concerto

Vaughan Williams Concerto for Tuba in F minor

<u>Harp</u>

Boieldieu Concerto

Debussy Danses Sacree et Profane
Dittersdorf Harp Concerto in A
Gliere Harp Concerto, Op. 74
Ginastera Harp Concerto, Op. 25
Grandjany Aria in Classic Style.

Handel Concerto in B-flat, Op. 4, no. 6
Pierne Concertstueck in G-flat Major, Op. 39
Saint-Saëns Morceau du concert, Op. 154

**Percussion** 

Creston Concertino for Marimba and Orchestra, Op. 21
Hovhaness Fantasy on Japanese Wood Prints, Op. 211
Kurka Concerto for Marimba and Orchestra, Op. 34
Mayuzumi Concertino for Xylophone and Orchestra

Milhaud Concerto pour Marimba et Vibraphone et Orchestre, Op. 278

Rosauro Concerto for Marimba and Orchestra (1987)
Concerto for Vibraphone and Orchestra

Concerto No. 2 for Marimba Concerto for Timpani and Orchestra Marimba Concerto for String Orchestra

#### Voice

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Junior division vocalists may audition with arias from any opera, oratorio, mass or concert aria by Handel or Mozart.

- Senior division vocalists may audition with:
  - the Handel or Mozart pieces from the junior division
  - o arias by the bel canto masters Rossini, Bellini, and Donizetti
  - o arias from the grand opera masters Puccini and Verdi,
  - o oratorio arias by Bach, Haydn or Mendelssohn

Bizet L'amour est oiseau rebelle

Strauss Mein Herr Marquis

#### **Classical Guitar**

Giuliani Concerto in A Major, Op. 36 Vivaldi Concerto in D Major, RV 93 Castelnuovo-Tedesco Concerto No. 1 in D Major, Op. 99

Ponce Concierto del Sur Concierto Antillana

Colina Goyescana

Villa-Lobos Concerto pour Guitarre et Petit Orchestre

Sierra Folias

# Information Regarding Allowable Modifications to Salute to Youth Repertoire List

Items marked with an asterisk in the preceding pages.

#### <u>Piano</u>

Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 4

The third movement may be played by itself.

Piano Concerto No. 5

The second movement may be played by itself, stopping 4 bars before the end of the movement.

The third movement may be played by itself, starting with the last 2 bars of the second

movement.

Saint-Saëns Piano Concerto No. 4

Each of the two movements must be played in their entirety

### <u>Violin</u>

Conus Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in E minor

- 1) Play the first movement, then make a cut to the Andante espressivo just after the cadenza in the third movement. Playing just the first movement will not be allowed.
- 2) Play the complete second and third movements together.

## Cello

Saint-Saëns Cello Concerto No. 1 (two options are available)

- 1) Play from the beginning to letter F (Allegretto con moto); then cut to 8 bars before Letter R and play to the end of the piece.
- 2) Play from Letter H (Tempo I) to the end of the piece.

# <u>Flute</u>

Gordeli Concertino for Flute and Orchestra

The suggested cut "for contest purposes" is not acceptable.

Ibert Concerto (1933)

The cut in the third movement is acceptable.