

Greater Waterbury Youth Symphony Concerto Competition Guidelines

The GWYS Concerto Competition is open to all current members of the GWYS Principal Orchestra. However, the winner of previous year's competition is not eligible to compete the current year. The candidates and winners of the Concerto Competition must be members of the GWYS during the academic year of their performance. Winners will perform with the Principal Orchestra in the Spring Concert.

- Auditions (no longer than 10 minutes each) will be held at Kennedy High School on the second Saturday after the Winter Concert beginning at 9:00 A.M. February 12, 2011.
- Auditions will be recorded.
- Audition selections must be memorized. Candidates will only be allowed to refer to their music in the case that the judges request to hear a particular portion of the piece during the audition.
- Audition selections are limited to one movement of a musical piece that is no longer than 15 minutes, in total, including orchestra part. All audition selections are subject to the approval of the Principal Conductor.
- Candidates must arrange for obtaining and rehearsing with their own accompanist. Please note: If you need assistance arranging for an accompanist, please call the GWYS phone for assistance in locating an accompanist no later than the second rehearsal in January (January 15, 2011). The accompanist will charge a fee.
- GWYS Principal Conductor and two professional musicians (i.e. WSO members, community/college faculty or independent musicians) will judge the auditions using the GWYS Solo Evaluation Rubric. Adjudicators may not be past or present teachers of the candidates.
- One winner will be selected. If no candidate meets an acceptable level of performance, there will not be a winner.
- All candidates will be notified by mail.

To participate, please fill out the attached application form, which must be signed by your private teacher. The application form is to be returned to GWYS no later than the second rehearsal in November. (November 13, 2010). After approval from the Principal Conductor and the Music Director, you will be contacted to schedule an audition.

Good Luck!!