



THE MUSIC SCHOOL
OF DELAWARE

DELAWARE CONCERTO COMPETITION FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS

Application Due Date: Saturday, January 17, 2026, by 6:00 p.m. (include \$40 non-refundable application fee)
Audition Date: Sunday, March 1, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Concert Hall, Wilmington
Performance: Friday, May 8, 2026, 7:30 p.m., at The Music School of Delaware

The Music School invites young musicians through age 18 performing on piano, harp, strings, brass, woodwinds or percussion to enter the annual Delaware Concerto Competition for Young Musicians. A maximum of three winners will be selected to perform with orchestra in concert on **Friday, May 8, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.** at The Music School of Delaware.

Eligibility:

- Contestants must be no older than 18 years of age as of the May 8 concert.
- Student must: a) reside in or study his/her instrument in Delaware; or b) reside within 15 miles of the Delaware border;
- There are three age categories for consideration by the panel of judges: ages 12 and under, ages 13 to 15 and ages 16 to 18;
- A maximum of three winners will be selected. In the event a winner is not chosen in a category, an additional winner from another category may be chosen. The judges determine the number of winners and their decision is final;
- Audition repertoire should be a movement from a standard concerto, a standard single-movement piece for solo instrument and orchestra, or a standard multi-movement work for soloist and orchestra with total length not to exceed 15 minutes. *Orchestral score and parts must be available;*
- All selections must be pre-approved by the conductor. Piano, strings, harp, and percussion must be memorized; woodwinds and brass are exempt from memorization
- *Memorization is required;*
- Auditions will be held at the Wilmington Branch of the Music School;
- Audition time requests cannot be guaranteed;
- Contestants must provide their own accompanists; teachers may not accompany their own students;
- A student is eligible to compete in a given age category as long as he/she has not won in the same age category on the same instrument. Students may compete again in a successive year on a different instrument or in a new age category. For purposes of the competition rules, a double or triple concerto shall be considered a different instrument from a solo work;
- It is understood that contestants selected as winners will be prepared to perform their audition selection for an orchestra concert on **Friday, May 8, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.** and will be required to attend **at least** two Monday evening rehearsals and a dress rehearsal prior to the concert;
- Failure to meet deadlines will disqualify applicants.

*Applications and a non-refundable application fee of \$40 (checks payable to The Music School of Delaware) must be received at the Wilmington Branch by **Saturday, January 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** *Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.* Contestants will be notified of their audition time two weeks before.

For more information, please call Cheri Astolfi, dean, at (302) 762-1132,
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Student: _____ **Age*:** _____ **Age Group:** 12 & under
 13-15 years
 16-18 years

Instrument/Voice: _____ **Years Studied:** _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____

Private Teacher: _____ **Phone:** _____

Teacher's Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____ **Email:** _____

Audition Repertoire: ‡**

Composer:	Length:	Name of Accompanist:
_____	_____	_____

* As of the May 8 concert

** Repertoire should not exceed 15 minutes total. Include movement name/tempo/etc. as applicable.

‡ **Audition time requests cannot be guaranteed.**

It is understood that contestants selected as winners will be prepared to perform the above-named selection for the Wilmington Community Orchestra's concert on **May 8, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Music School Concert Hall in Wilmington and will be required to attend **at least** two Monday evening rehearsals and a dress rehearsal prior to the concert.

Contestant's Signature: _____

Teacher's Signature: _____

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