

Follow in the footsteps of winners of the Michael Ben and Illene Komisarow Maurer *Young Musicians Contest* who are now musicians in orchestras across the nation, including the ISO! This contest encourages accomplished young Indiana musicians (through grade 12) to set and achieve goals of technical and artistic excellence by providing an opportunity to perform in a competitive setting.

PRIZES AWARDED:

- **Rising Star Category:**
 - First prize (\$500)
 - Second prize (\$250) is awarded in recognition of the many volunteers who generously and enthusiastically give their time to prepare for this contest.
 - Third prize (\$125) is awarded in honor of M. Porter and Frances M. Murphy through the Murphy Family Charitable Trust.
 - Finalist Awards of Excellence (\$50) are awarded at the discretion of the judges.
- **Young Musician Category:**
 - First prize (\$2,000) winner will perform their winning concerto with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra at the Winners Concert on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at Hilbert Circle Theatre.
 - Second prize (\$1,000) is awarded in recognition of the many volunteers who generously and enthusiastically give their time to prepare for this contest.
 - Third prize (\$500) is awarded in honor of M. Porter and Frances M. Murphy through the Murphy Family Charitable Trust.
 - Finalist Awards of Excellence (\$100) are awarded at the discretion of the judges.

CONTEST RULES:

1. **ELIGIBILITY: Student must be a full-time resident of Indiana and currently enrolled in an Indiana registered public, private, parochial, or home school.**
 - a. **Rising Star Category:** Students must be no older than 13 years old as of January 30, 2024.
 - b. **Young Musician Category:** Students must be no older than 18 years old as of January 30, 2024.
 - c. Musicians may apply with one instrument only. Due to tax issues for prizewinners, students must have a Social Security number or Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) to participate.
2. **REGISTRATION PROCEDURE: For** a submission to be reviewed, the complete registration packet, including preliminary recording, must be **submitted in full by January 30, 2024.**

A complete registration packet includes:

- a. Online registration form
 - i. Accompanied video recording of solo performance, uploaded to YouTube as unlisted.
 - ii. Copy of registrant's music
 - iii. Letter of recommendation from the registrant's private teacher
 - iv. Proof of Indiana residency
- b. Non-Refundable Entry Fee of **\$50** (Online payment or checks payable to the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra)

3. **TIMELINE:** The following timeline will be observed for the 2023-24 Contest:
 - ★ Deadline for Preliminary Submissions: January 30, 2024
 - ★ Notification of Finalists: February 10, 2024
 - ★ LIVE Finals at Hilbert Circle Theatre: February 25, 2024 – *winners announced immediately after deliberation*
 - ★ Winner's Performance: March 20, 2024

4. **SAMPLE REPERTOIRE: Contestants** must perform from memory one movement of a work from the Sample Repertoire List or a work not included on the list with the approval of the librarian of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. ***If you are playing a piece not on the Sample List, you must include the publisher, edition and any editors listed on your registration.*** If the contestant has performed in the *Young Musicians Contest* in a previous year, a different work must be presented. The Sample Repertoire List can be found online.

5. **ACCOMPANIMENT:** During both rounds of the Contest (preliminary and final round), all concertos, including piano concertos, must include a piano orchestral reduction accompaniment. Contestants are to provide their own accompanist. Payment arrangements are the contestant's responsibility and will be handled directly between the contestant and the accompanist. For assistance in seeking accompanists, please contact the ISOA office.

6. **RECORDING:** Students submitting to the contest must provide a high quality, unedited video recording of their performance that also displays the date and place of recording. Recording must not be older than 4 months of submission date.

7. **NOTIFICATION OF ADVANCEMENTS:** Acceptance to the Final Round in the *Young Musicians Contest* is based on a thorough review of the submitted entries by a panel of four preliminary judges. The twelve contestants selected for the Final Round will perform live for a panel of three finals judges (separate from the preliminary judges). The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra will notify finalists chosen for the Final Round by February 10, 2024. The decision of the judges after the Final Round on February 25, 2024 will be announced after the final deliberation period.

The decision of the judges in all matters related to the *Young Musicians Contest* is final. **Failure to comply with any Contest rules will disqualify the contestant.**

For questions or additional information, please contact MaurerYoungMusiciansContest@gmail.com.