



## **2019 NYCO Youth Concerto Competition Rules**

### **Competition**

The NYCO Youth Concerto Competition is an annual event held by the North York Concert Orchestra (NYCO) to support the development of young artists and to showcase budding talent and by providing performance opportunities with the Orchestra.

### **Eligibility**

Contestants must have been born on or after **July 1, 1996** (proof of age may be required).

All orchestral instruments (strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, keyboard and harp) are eligible.

There are no residency or citizenship restrictions.

### **Application Form**

Applications are submitted on-line at **[www.nyco.ca/competition](http://www.nyco.ca/competition)**.

### **Application Fee**

The application fee of \$50 (Canadian) is payable on-line by credit card or PayPal at **[www.nyco.ca/competition](http://www.nyco.ca/competition)**

The application fee is non-refundable.

### **Communication**

If you have any questions, please email our competition administrator at **[competition@nyco.ca](mailto:competition@nyco.ca)**

## **Evaluation**

The contestants' *Video Performance* will be evaluated by NYCO's Music Director. A short-list of contestants will be selected for proceeding to the Live Performance.

The *Live Performance* will be evaluated by two judges, who will declare up to three of the contestants as winners.

The winners will perform a concerto movement or concert piece with the Orchestra at the *Prize-Winners' Gala Concert*.

Should no contestant meet the standards of the judges, NYCO reserves the right not to declare a winner.

## **Video Performance**

Each contestant must submit a video of them playing two pieces (not the concerto movement or concert piece). The pieces must be in contrasting tempi and style and showcase the flexibility, agility and expressiveness of the contestant.

The video must be no longer than 15 minutes in duration and must be submitted by uploading to YouTube and including the link in the on-line application form. The video should begin with the contestant introducing him/herself and giving the name of the pieces to be played.

## **Complete Application**

The complete application must be received by NYCO by midnight on Sunday **September 8, 2019**. Applications received after this date will not be accepted.

A complete application comprises

- Video Performance uploaded and the link included in the application form
- Application form completed and submitted on-line
- Application fee paid on-line

## **Live Performance**

Each contestant will perform, with piano accompaniment, the piece (concerto movement or concert piece) they will play with the Orchestra if they are judged to be one of the winners. The piece must be from the standard repertoire, with orchestral parts in the public domain and subject to the approval of NYCO's Music Director. Please state your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices of pieces in the Application Form.

The Live Performance will take place before the judges on **October 6, 2019** (morning and afternoon) at Remenyi House of Music, 210 Bloor Street West, Toronto. The contestants will be advised by **September 15, 2019** which piece they are to perform and at what time they are scheduled. The contestants must be present at least 15 minutes before their scheduled time and must provide their own piano accompanist. NYCO will endeavour to accommodate the contestants' time constraints. A single copy of the music must be provided to the judges.

## **Results**

The results of the competition will be announced on **October 9, 2019**, published on the NYCO website [www.nyco.ca/competition](http://www.nyco.ca/competition) and emailed to all contestants.

## **Prize-Winners' Gala Concert**

The winner(s) of the competition will perform the piece played in the Live Performance with the Orchestra at the *Prize-Winners' Gala Concert* on Saturday **December 7, 2019 at 8pm** at Yorkminster Citadel, 1 Lord Seaton Road, North York (sound check at 6pm) and will have to be available for rehearsal with the Orchestra on at least two of Wednesdays **November 20, 27 and December 4, 2019** at York Mills Collegiate institute, 490 York Mills Road, North York from 7:30pm to 10pm.

## **Prizes**

A monetary prize will be presented to the winners at the *Prize-Winners' Gala Concert*.

## **Complimentary Tickets**

Each contestant will receive two complimentary tickets to the *Prize-Winners' Gala Concert*.

## **Expenses**

All travel and lodging expenses as well as the accompanist's fee are the responsibility of the contestant.

## **Consent**

By participating and uploading a competition video, the contestants give their consent to have their videos viewed by the judges.

The contestants also give their consent to having their performance at the *Prize-Winners' Gala Concert* video-recorded and having the video or audio made publicly available through the NYCO website and social media applications.

## **Cancellation**

If the contestant is unable to attend the scheduled Live Performance, two of the three rehearsals or concert, their application will be cancelled. The application fee is not refundable.

## **Disqualification**

Contestants who do not comply with these rules or provide false information will be disqualified.

## **Contingencies**

Any situation not covered by these Rules will be referred to the NYCO Board of Directors, whose decision on such situation will be final.

## **Judges**

Enrico Elisi, Concert Pianist and Piano Professor at the University of Toronto  
Rafael Luz, Music Director of the North York Concert Orchestra

NYCO reserves the right to substitute any of the judges.

**Summary of Dates**

Last date for applications – September 8, 2019

Confirmation of concerto movement – September 15, 2019

Performance with accompanist – October 6, 2019

Announcement of results – October 9, 2019

Rehearsals with orchestra – November 20, 27 and December 4, 2019

Performance with orchestra – December 7, 2019