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2022-2023 **CONCERTO** COMPETITION WINNERS



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A concerto is written so that the entire piece features one soloist out in front of the orchestra. A concerto is intended to show off all aspects of the soloist's technical and expressive mastery of his or her instrument, from fast pyrotechnics (referred to as "virtuosity") to slow, sweet, and lyrically sensitive musicianship.

Now, imagine this... you as a soloist accompanied by a full symphonic orchestra. That is an opportunity of a life time. Don't hesitate. Put in

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PRESENTING THE 20th Annual Ray Millette

YOUNG ARTIST CONCERTO COMPETITION

LET THE MUSIC PLAY ON

The Alhambra Orchestra has established a **Young Artists** Concerto Competition in memory of Ray Millette, one of the founders of the admired and renowned Miami-based orchestra. This annual contest, for middle and high-school students, has been proudly instituted and administered by Alhambra Music Inc. for over twenty years.



The Concerto Competition serves to recognize the emerging talent in South Florida, allow them to play with a full orchestra, and reward them with scholarship money. The finalists are invited to compete in front of a panel of eminent judges. The competition, open to young musicians from South Florida, accepts contestants from

middle school through senior year of high school, including graduating seniors. We welcome any young musician trained on any orchestral instrument including: flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone; french horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba; percussion, harp, piano; violin, viola, cello guitar or double bass.

For middle through high school musicians from Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach or Monroe Counties. DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31, 2023.





THE COMPETITION

The Alhambra Orchestra is excited to, once again, offer our talented youth the opportunity to participate in our annual concerto competition. This is part of our commitment to identify and recognize talented young musicians looking to pursue a career in music.

The orchestra's concert, planned for Sunday evening, January 21, 2024, is intended to include performances of one movement of a concerto by each of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners, determined from preliminary auditions (October 31, 2023 deadline) to select finalists, and finalists' live performance on Sunday afternoon, November 19 before a panel of judges to select winners (if not possible to hold live final judging, video performance will be used instead.)

ELIGIBILITY

This competition is for any young musicians from middle school through senior year of high school, including graduating seniors. Applicants must be residents of Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach or Monroe Counties, and enrolled at the middle school or senior high level as of August, 2023.

This competition is open to any young aspiring orchestral musician trained on any orchestral instrument, including piano and guitar. Previous winners who have already performed with the Alhambra Orchestra are eligible to compete if they did not win first place on the same instrument.

In preparation for the January live performance, finalists are required to attend at least three rehearsals with the orchestra prior to the actual concert. Normally, rehearsals take place on Wednesday evening in the South Miami area.

THE APPLICATION

The 2023-2024 Concerto Competition Application Process is Completely Digital! All auditions will be submitted online and in video format. Piano accompaniment is required, including prerecorded or "music minus one" accompaniment.

There is a \$30 fee to enter the competition. Virtual applications and Video Submission are due by midnight on October 31, 2023. Please have all your materials ready prior to submitting your online application. You will receive an email confirmation with additional details regarding next steps. Final Rounds may be live, if possible, or via video on Sunday, November 19, 2-4 pm.

Students will be required to write a brief biography, not exceeding two paragraphs, plus a list of all the repertoire you are able to perform. You will also need proof of age (usually a passport, state ID or birth certificate) and a hi-res head shot photo of yourself.

To start the application process, first review the information required and when you have gathered all your materials, submit your online application form found on our website: AlhambraOrchestra.org/competition.

- **DEADLINE** October 31, 2023 by 12 midnight
- APPLY ONLINE AlhambraOrchestra.org/competition
- APPLICATION FEE \$30 non-refundable
- ► INFORMATION AlhambraOrchestra.org/competition

THE ROUNDS

Preliminary Round: Recordings submitted by applicants will be heard and judged by a panel of qualified musicians. Notice of results, as well as information regarding the final round, will be announced via email no later than November 8, 2023.

Final Round: On Sunday, November 19, 2023, between 2 and 4 pm, those chosen for the final round will each perform one movement of their selected concerti live before our distinguished panel. Specific appointment times will be assigned and communicated. Be sure you and your accompanist are available for the finals. Also clear the date for the Sunday, January 21 concert, as well as the three required rehearsals. If we are unable to do the final round in person, our finalist panel of judges will do so by video, and will also review the audition recordings previously submitted.

Participants must perform by memory and are required to supply their own accompanists. The panel reserves the right to award only the number of prizes deemed appropriate. Results will be announced by email.

PRICES & WINNERS

Each of three prize winners will receive a cash prize and, if possible, an appearance in concert with the Alhambra Orchestra. Honorable Mention certificates may be awarded at the discretion of the judging panel.

First Place \$700, solo appearance, Certificate Second Place \$300, solo appearance, Certificate Third Place \$200, solo appearance, Certificate Honorable Mention Certificate

The Orchestra reserves the right to change the composition performed at the January concert, but will consult with the competitor as to any changes. The top three place winners are required to attend three Wednesday evening (7:30–9:45 pm) rehearsals with the orchestra.

January 3, 10, and 17, 2024

Afternoon dress rehearsal is planned before concert. The 3 prize winners will perform at the Alhambra Orchestra concert on **Sunday, January 21, 2024, 7:30 pm,** at Florida International University. Other certificates and awards will be presented by mail.