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A concerto is crafted to showcase a soloist in front of the orchestra, highlighting their technical skill and expressive artistry. From dazzling virtuosity to lyrical sensitivity, a concerto allows the soloist to shine and demonstrate their mastery of their instrument.

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PRESENTING THE 21st Annual Ray Millette YOUNG ARTIST CONCERTO COMPETITION

RISE TO THE CHALLENGE: SEIZE YOUR OPPORTUNITY TODAY! Join us in celebrating the legacy of Ray Millette, a visionary founder of the esteemed Alhambra Orchestra. In his honor, we proudly present the **Ray Millette Young Artists Concerto Competition**—an annual showcase of exceptional musical talent in South Florida. Now in its 21st year, this prestigious competition is hosted by Alhambra Music Inc.

The Concerto Competition is dedicated to recognizing and nurturing the brilliant young musicians of our community. Open to middle and high school students, this remarkable event provides a unique platform for emerging talents to perform with a full orchestra and compete for scholarships.



Finalists will have the extraordinary opportunity to present their skills before a distinguished panel of judges.

We invite all young musicians from South Florida who are proficient in any orchestral instrument to apply. Eligibility includes students from middle school through their senior year of high school, including graduating seniors.

For middle through high school musicians from Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach or Monroe Counties. DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 10, 2024.





THE COMPETITION

The Alhambra Orchestra is thrilled to once again offer talented youth the opportunity to participate in our annual Concerto Competition. This event underscores our commitment to discovering and celebrating exceptional young musicians aspiring to pursue a career in music.

The competition culminates in a concert scheduled for **Sunday, February 1, 2025.** During this event, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will perform one movement of a concerto each. Winners will be selected from preliminary auditions, with the deadline for submissions set for **November 10, 2024.** Finalists will compete in a live performance on **Sunday afternoon, December 1,** before a panel of judges.

ELIGIBILITY

This competition is open to 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 high school level as of August 2024.

We welcome all aspiring orchestral musicians trained on any orchestral instrument, including piano and guitar. Previous winners who have performed with the Alhambra Orchestra are eligible to compete again, provided they did not win first place on the same instrument.

To prepare for the February live performance, finalists are required to attend at least three rehearsals with the orchestra prior to the concert. Rehearsals typically occur on Wednesday evenings in the South Miami area.

THE APPLICATION

The 2024-2025 Concerto Competition Application Process is completely digital! All auditions must be submitted online in video format. Piano accompaniment is required; however, prerecorded or "music minus one" accompaniments are acceptable.



There is a \$30 entry fee for the competition. All application documents and video submissions are due by midnight on **November 10, 2024**. Please avoid waiting until the last minute to prevent issues with internet connectivity. After submission, you will get an email confirmation with additional details about the next steps.

The final rounds will take place on **Sunday, December 1, 2024**, at **Encore Academy of the Arts**, 4651 SW 72nd St., #110, Miami, from **2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**.

As part of your application, you will need to provide:

A brief biography (not exceeding two paragraphs) A list of all repertoire you are prepared to perform Proof of age (passport, state ID, or birth certificate) A high-resolution headshot photo

Ensure you have all these materials ready before starting your application. To begin, review the required information and submit your application form online at AlhambraOrchestra.org/competition.

DEADLINE November 10, 2024 by 12 midnight

- ▶ APPLY ONLINE AlhambraOrchestra.org/competition
- ► APPLICATION FEE \$30 non-refundable
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THE ROUNDS

Preliminary Round: Recordings submitted by applicants will be reviewed and evaluated by a panel of qualified musicians. Results, along with details about the final round, will be communicated via email no later than November 21, 2024.

Final Round: On Sunday, December 1, 2024, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, finalists will perform one movement of their selected concerto live before a distinguished panel. Specific appointment times will be assigned and communicated. Ensure that you and your accompanist are available for the finals, as well as for the concert on Saturday, February 1, 2025, and the three required rehearsals.

Participants must perform from memory and are responsible for providing their own accompanists. The panel reserves the right to award a number of prizes deemed appropriate. Results will be announced by email.

PRICES & WINNERS

Each of the top three prize winners will receive a cash award and a solo appearance 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 modify the composition performed at the February concert if necessary, but will consult with the winner regarding any changes.

Top three winners are required to attend three Wednesday evening rehearsals (7:30 PM – 10:00 PM) with the Orchestra on January 15, 22, and 29, 2025. An afternoon dress rehearsal will be scheduled before the concert.

Awards will be presented after the performances at the Alhambra Orchestra concert on **Saturday, February 1, 2025**, at Florida International University. Other certificates and awards will be sent by mail.