

2023 Requirements

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Please be sure you follow all requirements related to your application. Failure to comply with any of the requirements listed below may result in disqualification during the review process and/or make your application ineligible for an award.

Composition

Application Requirements

For your audition, submit a total of **two (2) full score original compositions** in any style of notation-based music composed primarily for classically-trained musicians to include the following and in the following order:

- **One (1) complete composition for solo or small ensemble**, either vocal or instrumental (up to eight performers). Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit work in this category that does not exceed ten (10) minutes in length. (Longer pieces may be submitted, however, should you be selected as a Finalist, the piece must be adaptable to fit the program)
- **One (1) complete contrasting composition**, either vocal or instrumental. Applicants are encouraged to submit large ensemble work for this selection (nine or more performers).
- Each score should be scanned and submitted as a PDF or docx.
- A digital video or audio recording for each work is required. (Please convert MIDI files to MP3)
- You may be asked to submit full size scores in addition to the PDF's.

Media Submission Requirements

- If Providing a Digital Video: Video File Formats: 3GP, AAC, AVI, FLV, MP4 or MPEG-2.
- If Providing a Digital Video: Video File Size: No more than 2GB at 720p, instead of 1080. No HD or 4k.
- If Providing an Audio Recording: Audio File Formats: OGG or MP3.
- If Providing an Audio Recording: Audio File Size: 500MB max.
- Score File Format: PDF, WORD, DOCX.
- Score File Size: 20MB max.
- Save and name your files with their titles with each piece being a separate video file.
- Save and upload each printed score (PDF format) and video/audio recording separately.
 - MIDI files must be converted to MP3 before uploading.
- Indicate the title of the composition in the space provided in your application.
- Do not put your name or any identifying information in or on your media submission.
- You may submit pre-recorded live performances, such as recitals or concerts.

Intellectual Property and Copyright Requirements

- All submitted work must be wholly original and may not infringe upon the copyright or other intellectual property or other legal or moral rights of any other person or entity.
- If your work has been submitted to other competitions, you are responsible for getting permission to submit to YoungArts.

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Reviewers and Panelists are looking for:

- Musical Ideas - the quality of the musical material on which the composition is based.
- Musical Structure - the extent to which an underlying structure exists and is apparent.
- Control of Medium - understanding of and idiomatic use of voices and instruments.
- Originality – the ability to creatively employ independent ideas.