

YOUNG ARTISTS CONCERTO COMPETITION

Solo and Small Ensemble

Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony



SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026, 10 a.m.

Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center: Davis Hall

8201 Dakota Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa

ELIGIBILITY:

- Piano, string, woodwind, brass, and percussion students enrolled in grades eight through twelve may participate, except for previous first place winners of this competition.
- **NEW: Applicants may perform as soloists, or as part of a duet, trio, or quartet.**
- Applicants must be residents of Iowa.

APPLICATION and FEES:

- Application forms may be found at wcfSymphony.org/education.
- Application fees are **\$40/solo** entry or **\$60/ensemble** entry.
- Payment in check form only, payable to wcfSymphony. No cash please.
- If fewer than 7 entries, the event will be cancelled and fee will be refunded.
- If inclement weather on March 1, the event will be cancelled and fee will be refunded.
- Application plus fee(s) **must be postmarked no later than February 10, 2026**, and mailed to the Y.A.C.C. chairperson: **Jo Capoccioni, 3010 Saratoga Dr., Waterloo, IA 50702**

REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS:

- **Solo entries:** Memorization is required. **Ensemble entries:** Memorization is optional.
- Applicants must perform one fast movement of a standard concerto for which there is an orchestral accompaniment.
- Each entry will be allowed eight minutes in which to perform for the judges.
- Applicants are required to provide their own accompanist.
- If asked at least one month in advance, the Y.A.C.C. chairperson listed below can assist in finding an accompanist. Financial arrangements remain the responsibility of the applicant.
- One published copy of the piano score with cuts clearly marked, must be provided for the judges.
NO PHOTOCOPIES OR DOWNLOADS ALLOWED. Disqualification will result if not followed.

PRIZES:

- First prize: \$500
- Second prize: \$350
- Third prize: \$200
- Prize monies are PER ENTRY.

The judges reserve the right to award only those prizes that meet the standards expected in the competition.

The winner may be invited to perform with the wcfSymphony during the 2026 season at the discretion of Artistic Director Jason Weinberger.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

- Assigned warmup (30 min./entry) and audition times will be announced by mid-February.
- All primary communications will be via email. Questions or concerns may be directed to:

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