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YOUTH SOLOIST COMPETITION 2026/27

Each year, the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra invites advanced student musicians to compete for the opportunity to perform with the orchestra. One Youth Soloist will be selected to perform with the full orchestra during the Kalamazoo Symphony Youth Concerts at Miller Auditorium on March 8, 9, and 10, 2027.

The competition will be held on **Sunday, November 8, 2026**, at **Crescendo Academy of Music**, lower level of the Epic Center. Once your application and $20 fee are received, you will be scheduled for a competition time slot. The registration deadline is **Friday, October 30, 2026.** Eligible students must be in grades 12 and under and reside in Allegan, Barry, Branch, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, or Van Buren County.

Competition music should be a concerto movement or solo work with orchestra **not exceeding 10 minutes**. Memorization is not required. **Please bring three copies of music for adjudicators.** Vocal students should contact Education@KalamazooSymphony.com before registering. Selected works may require cuts. **Students must provide an accompanist for the competition.**

The selected Youth Soloist will rehearse with the orchestra on **Sunday, March 7, 2027**. Performances will take place at Miller Auditorium on **March 8, 9, and 10, 2027**, at **12 p.m.**

Mail or deliver the completed application and $20 fee payable to Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra to: **Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra Youth Soloist Competition, 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 100, Kalamazoo, MI 49007.** Fee or accompanist-payment assistance may be requested on the application.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
Oct. 30, 2026	Application and fee deadline
Nov. 8, 2026	Competition at Crescendo Academy of Music
Mar. 7, 2027	Orchestra rehearsal at Miller Auditorium
Mar. 8–10, 2027	Performances with Kalamazoo Symphony, 12 p.m.

KALAMAZOO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA YOUTH SOLOIST COMPETITION 2026/27 APPLICATION FORM

STUDENT CONTACT & PERSONAL INFORMATION			
Name:		**Phone:**	
Email:			
Home Address:			
City:		**ZIP:**	
School:		**Grade:**	
Age:		**Instrument:**	
Years of Study:			
REPERTOIRE			
Title:		**Movement:**	
Composer:			
Accompanist's Name:		**Email:**	
Teacher's Name:		**Email:**	
Previous Teachers:			
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION			
Ensembles you have performed with:			
Parents'/Guardian Names:			
Parents'/Guardian Email:			
Music awards, honors, etc.:			
Application fee is a barrier, and I request the fee to be waived: □ Yes □ No			
I need assistance with accompanist payment: □ Yes □ No			