Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra

JANE ROOKS ROSS & BARRY ROSS

Youth Soloist Competition 26/27



Competition Date: Nov 8, 2026

Registration Deadline: Oct 30, 2026

Every season, advanced music students residing in Southwest Michigan compete to win an opportunity to perform with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra during a selected concert.

Competition Details:

- One outstanding Youth Soloist will be selected to perform with the full orchestra during KSO Youth Concerts at Miller Auditorium on March 8, 9, and 10 at 12 p.m.
- The competition music should be a movement of a concerto or composition for solo instrument (or voice) and orchestra not exceeding 10 minutes. Memorization is not required. Students will need to provide an accompanist for the competition.

Who Can Compete?

- Advanced music students enrolled in grades 12 and under who reside in one of the following Michigan counties: Allegan, Barry, Branch, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren.

Questions? Please contact the Education Team:
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How to Apply:

- Apply for the competition online or download the application form and return it to Kalamazoo Symphony with the $20 application fee.
- Vocal students must discuss repertoire with KSO Education Team prior to registering for the competition.

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PHOTO: Emma van der Westhuizen, Piano *(Credit: Colin Howe) | 2025 Jane Rooks Ross & Barry Ross Youth Concert Soloist Winner*