



The Michael and Catherine Castro Concerto Competition

Rules and Procedures

The Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program holds a concerto competition annually in May to select two soloists and a runner-up for the Youth Symphony's next concert season.

Preliminary Round

Sunday, May 17th, 2020: 1pm – 4pm: the Recital Hall at Robertson and Sons Violin Shop

- \$10 application fee to participate in the competition
- open to the public, free
- finalists announced at the close of the preliminary round, approximately 4:00pm

Final Round

Concert: Sunday, May 17th, 2020: 6pm: the Recital Hall at Robertson and Sons Violin Shop

- Open to the public, \$5 suggested donation at the door
- finalists announced at the closing ceremony following the concert

Eligibility

Only students enrolled in the Youth Symphony as high-school juniors are eligible to audition for the Castro Concerto Competition. In order to perform their concerto with the Youth Symphony, all winners must participate and be registered in the AYS Program their junior and senior years. All solos must have an available orchestral accompaniment.

Judges

Applicants during the preliminary and final rounds will be heard by a panel of three judges. All judges are local professional musicians and are not affiliated with AYSP. Judges decisions are final and non-negotiable. No performance assessment will be provided.

How to apply

To apply applicants must submit:

- a completed Application Form
- \$10 Application Fee
- each application must be printed and have a private instructor's signature and a parent's signature

Application Deadline

All application materials must be mailed to: PO Box 30961, Albuquerque, NM 87190 and be postmarked no later than Monday, April 6, 2020.

Application Fee

A non-refundable \$10.00 application fee should be mailed (along with application) to PO Box 30961, Albuquerque, NM 87190. Please make checks payable to AYSP.

Concerto Competition Rules

Preliminary Round

- You are responsible for hiring your own accompanist. All entries must have an accompanist.
- All rounds are open to the public.
- Entrants must provide three copies of their concerto for the judges' use.
- There is a **5-minute maximum time limit** for the preliminary round. It is the responsibility of the student to decide on the excerpt from their piece that best represents their talent.
- Lengthy extended orchestral tuttis should be omitted.
- Memorization is expected, but not mandatory.
- Finalists will be announced at the closing of the preliminary round at approximately 4:00pm.

Final Round

- You are responsible for hiring your own accompanist. All entries must have an accompanist.
- All rounds are open to the public.
- Entrants must provide three copies of their concerto for the judges' use.
- During the final round, chosen finalists will play the **entire movement**.
- Memorization is expected, but not mandatory.
- Lengthy extended orchestral tuttis should be omitted.
- The judging committee reserves the right to choose several winners or not to choose a winner.
- Winners to be announced at the award ceremony after the concert.

Michael and Catherine Castro Concerto Competition: Application Form



Student Name: _____

Instrument: _____

Private teacher name: _____

Name of Piece: (concerto #, key signature, opus #) _____

Composer: (full name) _____

Movement: (mvt# and written tempo) _____

Length of movement: (in minutes) _____

Name of collaborative pianist: _____

Manuscript publisher/edition: _____

Preliminary Round

The preliminary round will take place in the recital hall at Robertson & Sons Violin Shop on Sunday, May 17th, 2020: 1pm – 4pm.

Final Round

The final round will take place later that evening also in the recital hall at Robertson & Sons Violin Shop, Sunday, May 17th, 2020: 6:00pm-7:30pm.

____ I have read and understand the competition rules and regulations.

Please direct any questions to Dr. Strong (Assistant Director) at bea@aysmusic.org.

Parent signature

Teacher signature

Application Deadline:

Postmarked no later than Monday, April 6, 2020.

- ✓ Mail this form with the \$10 application fee to AYSP, PO Box 30961, Albuquerque, NM 87190
- ✓ Make checks payable to AYSP.
- ✓ Application must be sent by mail.