

# Rome Symphony

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## Rome Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition 2024

The Rome Symphony Orchestra is pleased to announce our 2024 Young Artist Competition, to be held on April 21, 2024. In addition to a cash scholarship, the winner will have the exciting opportunity to perform with the RSO during our 2024-2025 season. All auditionees will have the opportunity to audition LIVE in the Rome City Auditorium in Historic Downtown Rome in front of a panel of highly qualified adjudicators. There will be no pre-screening video auditions. Additionally, all auditionees will receive written feedback from the panel of adjudicators. We look forward to your audition on April 21, 2024

### ELIGIBILITY:

- Any college or graduate student under the age of 25.
- Any high school student who studies their instrument or voice privately.

### PRIZES:

- One vocal winner and one instrumental winner
- \$250 cash scholarship prize for each winner
- Opportunity to perform with the Rome Symphony Orchestra in concert during the 2024-2025 season.
- Additionally, we will also select one runner up in each category. Each runner-up will be awarded \$100.

### AUDITIONS:

-April 21, 2024, between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm. Auditions will be scheduled alphabetically in 15-minute increments. If you'd like to request a specific audition time, please contact the office by March 7. Specific audition instructions, including your audition time will be sent via email by March 15, 2024.

-Audition **time limit is 8 minutes.**

-Each applicant must provide his/her own accompanist. The RSO will provide a grand piano.

- **INSTRUMENTALISTS:** Please prepare one single movement of a concerto. While you may or may not have the opportunity to play the entire movement during your audition, please have the entire movement prepared, as this will be the concerto selection you will perform with the RSO if you are selected as the Instrumental winner. Please choose a concerto from the standard repertoire for your instrument. Any repertoire questions should be sent to [office@romesymphony.org](mailto:office@romesymphony.org).
  - For those applicants auditioning as a piano soloist and auditioning with a piano concerto, a second piano will be provided for your accompanist to play the orchestral reduction if you so choose. You may also choose to just play the piano solo.
- **VOCALISTS:** Please prepare 2 contrasting selections from the standard vocal repertoire. You will have 8 minutes for your audition, so if the length of your selections exceeds 8 minutes, you will be stopped at the 8-minute mark. If you are selected as the Vocalist winner of the competition, you will have the opportunity to perform the same selections from your audition with the RSO, so please ensure your selections have orchestral parts available. If you have any questions regarding repertoire, please email the RSO conductor at [conductor@romesymphony.org](mailto:conductor@romesymphony.org).

-Applicants will have access to a practice room with a piano 30 minutes prior to their audition time.

-The Rome Symphony Orchestra will not provide a travel stipend for non-local applicants

**APPLICATIONS: Upon receipt of your application materials, the Music Director and Librarian will review your audition selection and inform you if any changes are needed based on availability of orchestration and/or other.**

- Fill out the **online application** at [www.romesymphony.org](http://www.romesymphony.org) by February 15, 2024 at 11:59pm
- Application Fee: \$30, payable online by PayPal, calling RSO office with credit card or via check mailed to:  
Rome Symphony Orchestra Post Office Box 533 Rome, Georgia 30162-0533
- For more information please email: [bbeninato@romesymphony.org](mailto:bbeninato@romesymphony.org) or call (706) 291-7967.

*Please feel free to share this information with colleagues, students, and friends. Thank you.*