



The Rome Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Jeffrey Sean Dokken, is pleased to announce our 2021 Young Artist Competition, to be held on November 6, 2021. In addition to a cash scholarship, this year's winners will have the exciting opportunity to perform with the RSO during our 2021-2022 100th Anniversary Season.

This year's competition will feature a new format, where all auditionees will have the opportunity to audition LIVE in the beautiful Betty Anne Rouse Bell Recital Hall at Ford on the Berry College Campus 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.

Please feel free to share this information with your colleagues and/or students.

Below you will find all the competition details. We look forward to your audition November 6, 2021.

ELIGIBILITY

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

PRIZES

- 1 vocal winner
 - 1 instrumental winner
 - \$250 cash scholarship prize for each winner
 - Opportunity to perform with the Rome Symphony Orchestra in concert on January 8, 2022 at the beautiful Rome City Auditorium in Historic Downtown Rome, GA.
- Additionally, we will also select one runner up in each category. Each runner up will win \$100.

AUDITIONS

- November 6, 2021 between 11:00 am and 4:00 pm. Specific audition instructions, including your audition time, will be sent via email by October 15.
- Audition time limit is 8 minutes.
- For 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 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 addressed with the RSO's conductor at conductor@romesymphony.org
- Each applicant must provide his/her own accompanist. The Rome Symphony Orchestra will provide a grand piano.
- 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.
- For 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.
- Applicants will have access to a practice room with a piano 30 minutes prior to their audition time.

Fill out the **online application** form located at www.romesymphony.org by October 6, 2021 at 11:59pm

Application Fee: \$30, payable online or via check mailed to:

Rome Symphony Orchestra Post Office Box 533 Rome, Georgia 30162-0533

For more information please email: bbeninato@romesymphony.org or call (706) 291-7967

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

Enclosure: Entry Form

