

BAKERSFIELD YOUTH SYMPHONY

CONCERTO AUDITIONS for the 2026-2027 SEASON

Audition date: Sunday, May 3, 2026

Place: CSU Bakersfield, Music Building

Auditions will occur in the afternoon and/or evening depending on the number of applicants. You will be e-mailed your time.

Apply online: <https://forms.gle/9Cvp46CQGPDU2zzN9>.

Applications must be submitted online by Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 11:59 pm.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Dirkse at scottdirkse@gmail.com

BYSO CONCERTO COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Please read carefully before applying!

The purpose of the competition is to determine who will have the honor of performing a concerto with the BYSO during the 2026-2027 concert season.

1. From one to three BYSO winners will be chosen for the concert season in the categories of piano, string, wind, and percussion.
2. Youth Symphony members may only perform one time in each consecutive four-year period with the BYSO. Students may perform again after four consecutively enrolled years in BYSO. Students must remain in good standing for the duration of their tenure with the organization in order to be eligible to be selected as a winner.
3. A candidate must choose one movement of a concerto or appropriate repertoire that is available from the publisher for rental or purchase and is appropriate for BYSO to perform. *It is highly recommended that you check with the BYSO conductor before you start your preparation to see if your repertoire choice is appropriate for the ensemble.*
4. There will be a staff page-turner; no family members or teachers will be in the room with the performers.
5. Memorization is encouraged but not required.
6. Each student may audition only one time per year.
7. An experienced panel of jurors will select the soloist(s) best qualified to perform with the Youth Symphony during the coming season.
8. The BYSO conductor will make the final repertoire selection and determine in which concert the winner(s) will perform.

NON-BYSO Members:

1. Up to one non-BYSO student who plays a non-BYSO instrument may also be chosen for the 2026-2027 concert season.
2. Non-BYSO students who play instruments not auditioned for in BYSO (such as piano, guitar, etc.) may also audition for a concerto spot. A non-refundable audition fee of \$25 is required to audition. Winners are required to be at all rehearsals for their concert and are required to pay a non-refundable tuition fee of \$85. Non-BYSO students who have previously performed as a winner with the Youth Symphony may not compete.
3. Concerto competition guidelines #3-8 above apply to non-BYSO Students as well.