

**Holland Symphony Orchestra  
 Norbert Mueller Memorial Concerto Competition  
 Saturday, January 7, 2023**



**Eligibility:** Contestants must live in Ottawa or Allegan Counties and/or be a current member of Holland Symphony Youth Orchestras. A regular student of any current Holland Symphony Orchestra member (regardless of geographic area) is eligible. All instruments including piano are eligible. Last year’s winner is ineligible for the following year but may audition a second time after a one-year absence. Each entry will have a \$20.00 application fee. (This expanded geographical eligibility range will be re-evaluated for the 2026 competition.)

**Repertoire:** The choice of music is up to the contestant but must have an orchestral accompaniment available to HSO and a rental fee of \$250.00 or less. If in doubt, please check availability and/or cost of orchestral accompaniment by contacting the orchestra office at 616-796-6780 ahead of your picking a concerto. (If accompaniment rental is above \$250, the remaining cost will be the responsibility of the contestant.) Any standard work for solo and orchestra or movement of a standard concerto is acceptable, and it must have a total playing time of between 4-15 minutes. The work must be performed by memory, and the contestants must provide their own accompanist for the audition. (Please note that both upper and lower time limits will be strictly observed. If longer than the time allotted, please make the necessary cuts to comply.)

**Audition time:** Contestants will be notified by December 31<sup>st</sup> of their competition time. The competition will begin at 1:00 PM and will be held in small recital hall at the Jack H. Miller Center for the Arts at Hope College in Holland. The competition will be open to the public. Audition times will be randomly selected and are not negotiable. Contestants arriving after their scheduled audition time may be disqualified. Warm-up rooms are available throughout the music building. Although this is a public performance with a reception following, no taping or videos are allowed during the competition. (The HSO photographer will be present.)

**Awards:** The winner will receive \$500.00 and will perform with the Holland Symphony Orchestra on their concert at 3:00 PM at Holland Civic Center on **Sunday, March 19, 2023**. The winner will be asked to participate in an on-stage interview with the conductor and will need to sign a release for marketing materials. The second-place winner will receive \$250.00 and the third place winner will receive \$150.00.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 15, 2022**

\*\*\*\*\*

**Norbert Mueller Memorial Concerto Competition Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanist \_\_\_\_\_ Time - length of piece \_\_\_\_\_

Competition Piece (list composer, complete title and movement name & number) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**OVER...**

**Please complete attached media release.**

**Holland Symphony Orchestra**

**PO Box 2685**

**Holland, Michigan 49422-2685**

Permission to Use Photograph

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

I grant to Holland Symphony Orchestra, its representatives and employees the right to use photographs for purposes of marketing and promotion. I authorize Holland Symphony, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically.

I agree that Holland Symphony Orchestra may use such photographs of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature, parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's email** \_\_\_\_\_

---

Mail application: Holland Symphony Orchestra, PO Box 2685, Holland, MI 49422-2685 by December 15.  
Applications may be submitted online at [www.hollandsymphony.org](http://www.hollandsymphony.org) under Education tab.