

St. Charles County Youth Orchestra Mike Russo Concerto Competition Rules
Concerto must be memorized at the time of the competition.
Your audition must have an accompaniment.

The Concerto Competition is open to current SCCYO members in good standing. The purpose is to showcase exceptional talent within the SCCYO and to encourage all members to improve their performance. The competition will be judged in two divisions,

Junior ages 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 ~ Senior, ages 15, 16, 17 and up.

Birthday must be reached by the date of the competition. Both divisions will use the same adjudicator. A **\$35.00** registration fee will be charged to help cover costs.

Competition Date – February 3rd, 2024

Location

Lacefield Music, 112 Chesterfield Valley Dr. Chesterfield MO 63305

The Application

- ◆ The application plus a copy of the front page of the music (with publisher information) must be submitted to Judy Williams for approval by the conductor no later than **January 13th, 2024**. Applications will **not** be accepted after this date. Outside the regular season students may mail their applications to SCCYO P. O. Box 547, St. Peters, MO 63376. Students will receive an answer within 10 days to whether the music is approved.
- ◆ Mr. Shane Williams (Symphony conductor) must approve the piece that will be performed and sign the application. Information about appropriate selections may be obtained from your ensemble conductor or your private tutor. (please keep this in mind as you start to practice your piece.)
- ◆ A budget of \$500.00 has been set by SCCYO as the amount SCCYO will pay for rented or purchased orchestral music.
- ◆ The application must be signed by both parent and student stating that you have both read the rules.
- ◆ A **\$35.00** application fee must be submitted to Judy Williams or the coordinator with the application.

The Audition February 3rd, 2024

- ◆ Students will perform from **memory** one movement of an orchestral concerto which must have written orchestral accompaniment that may be borrowed or purchased by the SCCYO. Students will not be allowed to compete if the concerto is not memorized at the time of the competition. **Students must compete with the instrument that they play in the St. Charles County Youth Orchestra.**
- ◆ The movement must be 4-10minutes in length. No abridged version or arrangement will be allowed.
- ◆ The audition will be closed. Only student, accompanist and adjudicator will be allowed in the audition room.
- ◆ Your audition must have an **accompaniment**. Students will not be allowed to compete without an accompanist. The student is responsible for organizing the accompaniment and for any compensation that may be due to your accompanist. A recorded accompaniment will not be accepted.
- ◆ A warmup of **only 10 minutes** per student will be allowed at the competition site.
- ◆ The competition will be judged by one adjudicator not associated with the St. Charles County Youth Orchestra.
- ◆ First place winners from each division will perform their concerto at the Spring Concert.
- ◆ Concerto winners lacking enough projection may not be allowed to perform with the Symphony Orchestra. The Music Director will make the determination of enough projection.

St. Charles County Youth Orchestra
Mike Russo Concerto Competition Rules
Please read carefully.

Competitor Guidelines

- ◆ Senior division first place winners will not be permitted to compete in the senior division concerto competition in the year following their first place win but may compete in any subsequent year.
- ◆ Junior division first place winners will not be permitted to participate in the junior division concerto competition in the year following their first place win but may compete in any subsequent year.
- ◆ Junior division first place winners will be permitted to compete in the senior division concerto competition in the year following their first place win, however if a junior first place winner wins the senior division competition they must remain in that division and follow senior rules in subsequent years.
- ◆ To receive an earned award student must be a member of SCCYO in good standing at the time of the Concerto Competition Concert. Students who are not members in good standing at the time of the Concerto Competition Concert forfeit the monetary award but will still receive a Certificate of Recognition and the subsequent winners will be moved up one placement.
- ◆ It is mandatory for the winning competitor(s) to attend the concert day rehearsal.

Prizes

First, second and third prizes will be awarded from each division at the Summer Concert as follows:

Junior division	1st place	\$50.00	2nd place	\$30.00	3rd place	\$20.00
Senior Division	1st place	\$75.00	2nd place	\$50.00	3rd place	\$25.00

Honorable mentions will be acknowledged during the concert day rehearsal.