



 *Music Association of Minnetonka*

ANNOUNCING THE 2022-23 MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF MINNETONKA YOUNG ARTIST PROGRAM

The Music Association of Minnetonka (MAM) Young Artist Program (YAP) promotes the artistic development of young musicians by providing accomplished high school students the opportunity to perform as a soloist in concert with a high-quality community symphony orchestra, as well as awarding selected students a monetary prize to support their further studies.

The 2022-23 MAM Young Artist Program auditions will be heard by ONLINE VIDEO SUBMISSION ONLY. (See video guidelines below.)

ELIGIBILITY

The MAM Young Artist Program is open to high school students living in the greater Twin Cities area enrolled in the 2022-23 school year performing on any orchestral instrument as well as piano or classical voice.

YAP PRIZE AWARDS

Awards are given at the discretion of the MAM YAP Audition Committee. If the Committee decides that no student performer meets the standard for certain awards, no prize will be given in that category. There are two award categories: Public Performance and monetary Scholarship. There are a maximum of 3 Performance Awards and up to 3 possible Scholarship Awards available:

One YAP “Grand Prize,” which includes a public performance with the Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra and a monetary scholarship prize, and up to two “Honorable Mention” Scholarship awards, which may or may not include a Performance Award.

The Young Artist Concert is planned for the afternoon of March 5, 2023 in Eden Prairie Minnesota.

2022-23 MAM YAP Award results will be announced by December 23, 2022.

YAP APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Auditions will be heard by online video submissions only.

1. To express interest and ask for approval of planned repertoire, student should complete our [Online Application](#) prior to recording or sending video links. The Online Application includes contact information for the applicant as well as repertoire to be played.
2. MAM artistic staff will review proposed repertoire and contact the applicant within three business days with approval or suggestion for changes.
3. Applicant may then submit their video audition via YouTube link, per submission guidelines below, to youngartist@musicassociation.org.

Potential Performance Award repertoire must be approved by MAM artistic staff **prior** to the submission of the video links. Every effort will be made to respond to proposed repertoire within 3 business days of receiving a YAP application. Once the repertoire is approved, students will be asked to provide YouTube links to two videos performances, one for each musical selection. (See video guidelines below.)

Video links must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Sunday Nov. 27, 2022.

REPERTOIRE SELECTION

Students will prepare **two pieces**: one that they hope to perform with the Minnetonka Symphony Orchestra (video #1), and a second “contrasting” selection (video #2). Potential Performance Award repertoire must be approved by MAM artistic staff **prior** to the submission of video auditions (see process above).

For instrumentalists, the piece proposed for concert performance (video #1) should be a substantial portion (movement) of a concerto or concerto-like piece from the standard repertoire. **For singers**, selections should be drawn from the standard literature for voice accompanied by orchestra (aria, oratorio, orchestral song cycle). Selections from Broadway-style shows will not be considered for a Performance Award, but they may be proposed as a “contrasting” selection.

For instrumentalist and singers, the “contrasting” selection (video #2) may have an orchestral accompaniment or be drawn from the standard solo recital repertoire.

MEMORIZATION

Memorization is recommended but not required.

VIDEO SUBMISSION TIMINGS

The **total combined** running time of the two videos should be between 12-18 minutes.

Video #1 (for Performance Award consideration) should take the bulk of the total performance time. Students may judiciously edit longer works to maximize their solo playing time in this video by omitting extended passages of accompaniment. However, if selected for a Performance Award, students will be expected to perform their selection in full (with no cuts).

Video #2 (“contrasting” selection) should be a **minimum** of 2-3 minutes in length.

VIDEO SUBMISSION PROCEDURE & REGULATIONS

Once a student’s repertoire has been approved, applicants will be asked to send an email with the two YouTube links to their performances and the information below. Email should be sent to youngartist@musicassociation.org. Remember, **video submissions must be received by email no later than 11:59 p.m. Sunday Nov. 27, 2022.**

Email should include:

Student performer name and instrument

Accompanist name

Performance Award selection (video #1): (Composer - Title - movement, if part of larger work)

Contrasting selection (video #2): (Composer - Title - movement, if part of larger work)

2 “unlisted” YouTube links to your uploaded videos, one for each repertoire selection.

GUIDELINES FOR UPLOADING VIDEOS

Please **DO NOT** send video files directly to MAM as email attachments. Send a link from YouTube. **Videos must be uploaded as “Unlisted” videos to the YouTube platform.** (If they are listed as “Private,” the YAP Audition Committee will not be able to view them.)

If you do not have a YouTube account, you will need to create one. If possible, record your videos before uploading them. Recording with the YouTube app may cause audio compression that will affect the sound quality.

At the start of each video, please say your name followed by the piece you are about to perform. (Example: “My name is Pat Smith. I will perform the first movement of Mozart’s Violin Concerto No. 3.)

Each performance must be recorded in a single “take” with no stops and/or restarts. The camera should remain stationary throughout the video with no panning, “zooming,” or fading in and out. The performances must not be edited or manipulated in any way. The MAM YAP Audition Committee may disqualify applicants who submit videos that do not conform to these guidelines.

The camera should be positioned to record the performances from the “audience” perspective and show the auditionee’s full body if possible. Piano applicants should have their hands and the keyboard visible for the complete video. Please do not include tuning or warming up on the videos.

Before sending your video links to MAM, please confirm the links work and include the full content. The links should be emailed to youngartist@musicassociation.org.

EQUIPMENT AND HELPFUL INFO

You may use a camera, smart phone, tablet, or computer to make your video. Be sure to record horizontally/landscape.

Please change YouTube privacy settings to “Unlisted,” disable comments and responses (the box under Comments and Responses must be unchecked), and do not include any “Tags.”

QUESTIONS?

For questions and additional information, please contact the Music Association of Minnetonka at youngartist@musicassociation.org or call (952) 401-5954.