

2025 STARS OF TOMORROW AUDITIONS

Saturday, February 15, 2025

8:30 am – Preliminary rounds begin (tentative)

1:30 pm – Semifinal round (tentative)

**First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa
1511 Church Street
Wauwatosa, WI 53213**

The annual Stars of Tomorrow Auditions are open to all eligible Wisconsin high school string, woodwind, brass, and percussion musicians. The top three winners will have the honor of appearing as soloists with the MSO at the Audrey G. Baird Stars of Tomorrow Concert on April 8, 2025. Audition slots are limited and will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis as applications are received.

Each soloist will receive a \$1,000 award. An additional award of \$1,000 will be presented to the soloist judged to have performed exceptionally well with the orchestra at the Stars of Tomorrow Concert, and the other two soloists will each receive a \$250 award. Finalists and honorable mentions will be given the opportunity to play side-by-side with Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra musicians.

Contest Rules and Regulations

Eligibility

The contest is open to high school students who are members of the 2024.25 freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior class and are Wisconsin residents. Former award winners are ineligible for further competition.

Registration for a contestant will not be processed without a fully completed registration form and a \$40.00 registration fee* payable by credit card, check, or money order to the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra.

Divisions

The following is a list of eligible instruments:

Strings

violin, viola, cello, double bass, harp
Note: Violists and double bassists are especially encouraged to audition.

Woodwinds

flute, piccolo, oboe,
english horn,
clarinet, bassoon

Brass

horn, trumpet,
trombone, tuba

Percussion

marimba

Repertoire

Contestants must play a piece listed on the approved Stars of Tomorrow repertoire list. The list can be found at mso.org/stars.

Contest Rules

A five-minute portion of the selection will be heard at the audition. The same portion should be used in both rounds of competition. If the selection consists of a single movement with contrasting sections or multiple movements played without pause, the candidate should establish cuts that demonstrate the contrasts for the audition. The candidate should clearly indicate any cuts made in the scores furnished to the judges.

The contestant must be prepared to play a selection from the approved Stars of Tomorrow repertoire list in order to be considered as a soloist with the MSO at the Stars of Tomorrow concert. Otherwise, the contestant will only be considered for participation in the side-by-side portion of the concert. Contestants must furnish their own instrument for all aspects of this competition.

Contestants must provide contest judges with an **original** copy of their selection as well as perform from an original copy. Photocopies are not acceptable.

Contestants must provide their own pianist and include the pianist name, phone number, and signature on their application. Both the contestant and pianist must be available for both rounds of competition on February 15, 2025. The MSO must be notified of any pianist changes. No pianist changes can be made after January 21, 2025. The MSO does not provide pianists.

MSO musicians will serve as judges for both rounds and their decisions will be final.

If a contestant submits an application fee and decides not to proceed with an audition, the contestant needs to notify the MSO by February 8 to receive a refund. Cancellations following this date will not receive a refund.



Mail completed form with \$40.00 application fee* payable by credit card, check, or money order to the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra:

**Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra
Education Department
212 W. Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53203**

For office use only:

Applications must be postmarked by January 21, 2025.

Once your application is processed, you will receive an email confirmation with further contest details.

2025 STARS OF TOMORROW APPLICATION

This application may be duplicated. Applications with missing information will not be processed.

Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Phone _____

Street Address, City, Zip _____

Student Email _____ Instrument _____

Parent Email _____

Musical Selection _____

Movement (if applicable) _____ Composer _____

High School _____ Grade (2024.25) 9 10 11 12

School Band/Orchestra Director _____

Pianist _____ Pianist's Phone _____

Private Teacher _____ Teacher's Phone _____

Private Teacher's Address (Include city/zip) _____

Private Teacher's Email _____

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Pianist's Signature _____

Private Teacher's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Parent(s) Name (Please print) _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Payment enclosed: Check Money order Credit card : please fill out CC information below

Type of card _____

Credit card number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____

**Financial assistance available. Please email edu@mso.org for more information.*



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