

The Fifteenth Annual
Starkville/Mississippi State University Symphony Orchestra

Concerto Competition

Preliminary Round: Friday, March 27, 2020 in the Choral Hall from 9:00am to 1:00pm

Final Round: Friday, March 27, 2020 in the Choral Hall from 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Rules and Procedures

1. The competition is open to any music major, secondary major, or minor studying in the Department of Music at Mississippi State University. Performers must be currently enrolled as a student at Mississippi State University for both the competition and the performance.
2. Instrumentalists will perform one movement, with piano accompaniment, from a concerto for their instrument and orchestra or a concert piece, with piano accompaniment, for their instrument and orchestra. Vocalists will perform, with piano accompaniment, an aria from an opera, or any work originally composed for voice with orchestral accompaniment. All works must be for solo instrument or vocal soloist and orchestra. No double concertos or vocal duets, etc. will be permitted. In addition, each participant may only enter one performance per year. **Performers must provide two scores or photocopies of the score of their piece for the judges for both rounds.**
3. **Piano accompaniment is required in both rounds of the competition, and it is the responsibility of each participant to make arrangements with a pianist.** If you are going to collaborate with a Music Department collaborative pianist, you must follow proper departmental procedures and complete the Collaborative Pianist Request Form. Contact Dr. Christy Lee (clee@colled.msstate.edu) about any questions regarding the use of a collaborative pianist.
4. The preliminary round will be held Friday, March 27, 2020 in the Choral Rehearsal Hall from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Each participant will be contacted with their performance time, and they will perform only for the panel of judges for the preliminary round. Each participant will have ten minutes to perform their piece, even if the piece is longer than ten minutes in length. The number of finalists will be left to the discretion of the judges.
5. The final round will be held on Friday, March 27, 2020 in the Choral Rehearsal Hall from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. The competitors will perform their selections with piano accompaniment in front of an audience.
6. The Starkville/MSU Symphony Orchestra will make plans to feature the winner as guest soloist with the Starkville Symphony Orchestra on a concert during the 2020-2021 season. This decision will be made at the discretion of the Music Director of the SSO, the Advisory Board of the Orchestra and the MSU Department of Music faculty. The Starkville-MSU Symphony will award the winner \$250 and cover the cost of rental of scores and parts up to \$400.00. Any expense over this will be the responsibility of the student participant. For the 2020-2021 academic year, the performance will be in the evening of the children's concert in the Fall semester. This may change in succeeding years.