

City of Joondalup Young Musician of the Year Award 2026

Presented by Perth Symphony Orchestra (PSO)

GENERAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY – 2026

All entrants must adhere to the following General Rules and Conditions of Entry. These apply in addition to any specific category requirements. Entry implies acceptance of these terms and conditions.

1. ELIGIBILITY

- Entry is free of charge.
- Open to musicians aged 14 to 23 as of 16th October 2026.
- Entrants must be able to perform repertoire at a minimum AMEB Grade 6 standard or ATAR Year 12 equivalent.
- Entrants under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

2. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Entries must be submitted via the official online form on the Perth Symphony Orchestra website.

Each submission must include:

- a) Two contrasting pieces of your choice, excerpts are acceptable.
 - b) A single, unedited video up to 10 minutes in total duration, containing both pieces.
- Submissions must be received by 8pm Monday 31st August 2026.
- Late entries will not be accepted under any circumstances.
- PSO accepts no responsibility for technical failures resulting in non-delivery of submissions.

3. ADJUDICATION

- A professional panel will review submissions and select up to eight (8) semi-finalists per category.
- Semi-finalists will be notified by email on Friday 18th September 2026.
- All entrants must ensure PSO emails are received (check spam/junk filters).
- All decisions made by the adjudication panel are final and not subject to dispute.



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4. LIVE PERFORMANCE ROUNDS

Semi-Final:

Date: Saturday, 17th October 2026

Time: To be confirmed

Venue: Redmond Theatre, Prendiville College, Joondalup.

Repertoire: 8–15 minute total duration.

No backing tracks permitted.

Grand Final:

Date: Sunday, 25th October 2026

Time: To be confirmed

Venue: Redmond Theatre, Prendiville College, Joondalup.

Finalists will perform up to 20 minutes of music (may include one or both original pieces or new repertoire, subject to approval).

5. ACCOMPANIST

- Perth Symphony Orchestra will provide a piano accompanist for the Semi-Final and Grand Final.
- The accompanist's details will be distributed to qualifying performers, who may arrange a rehearsal with the accompanist at their own discretion.
- Any rehearsal with the accompanist must be paid for by the performer.
- The accompanist's fee for performance on the day is covered by Perth Symphony Orchestra.

6. PRIZES

- 1st Prize: \$2,500 + a performance opportunity with Perth Symphony Orchestra (date and program to be arranged in consultation with PSO).
- 2nd Prize: \$1,500
- 3rd Prize: \$1,000

7. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

- If insufficient entries are received for a particular category, that category may be withdrawn at the sole discretion of PSO.
- If overall entry numbers are low, PSO reserves the right to alter the competition structure to a one-day format.
- This decision is final and not open to negotiation.



8. COMMUNICATION

All correspondence relating to the competition, entries, feedback, or enquiries must be directed to:

Community Engagement Manager, Marie-Claire Donnelly community@perthsymphony.com

9. ADDITIONAL NOTES

Constructive feedback is welcomed and can be directed to community@perthsymphony.com.

PSO reserves the right to photograph, film, or record any part of the competition for promotional purposes.



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