



The 2026 Stella Boyle Smith Trust Young Artists Competition

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Concerto Competition For

BRASS

STRINGS

PIANO/PERCUSSION

WOODWINDS

This competition is designed to identify and nurture talent through education and performance opportunities with the ultimate goal of enhancing the level of music-making in the state of Arkansas.

The Guild awards the following prizes:

\$1,000 Grand Prize

\$250 Qualified Winner

in Each of the Instrument Categories

LIVE FINALS HELD ON APRIL 25, 2026

RULES AND PROCEDURES

Applications must be received by **March 20, 2026**. All performance videos must be received no later than **March 29, 2026**. Please send performance videos to Arthur Broadbent III, Stella Boyle Smith Youth Competition co-chair at **competitionchair.sbsya@gmail.com**

Selections must be a movement of a composition for solo Instrument and Orchestra from the standard repertoire.

THE MUSIC MUST BE PERFORMED FROM MEMORY

Videos, of a high performance quality, should be uploaded to a streaming platform such as YouTube or Vimeo, and a link submitted. Videos can be left "unlisted" for privacy. Please remember that the videos must be recorded with good lighting so that the judges can see your entire stance, all of the instrument and hands; and for strings, the entire bow and bow hold. All videos must be recorded with a piano reduction after **March 2, 2026**.

The finals will be held LIVE on the day of **April 25, 2026**. The finals will be held at the Stella Boyle Smith Music Center, Little Rock.

Previous Grand Prize winners are not eligible to compete but previous category winners are eligible. Entrants must be residents of the state of Arkansas and be between the ages of 12 and 18. Entrants must not have reached their 19th birthday by April 13, 2026, and they must be in a Middle School, Junior High or High School program. Judges will be announced at a later date.

APPLY HERE

