



Calling all young musicians!

PDF Applications and rules for the Port Angeles Symphony's Nico Snel Young Artist Competitions are now available to download at www.portangelessymphony.org.

January 31, 2026 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Angeles, from 9:00 a.m.
Application Deadline is December 31, 2025 (postmark)

41st Annual Nico Snel Young Artist Competition

The Nico Snel Young Artist Competition is open to any North Olympic Peninsula student orchestral instrumentalist or pianist within the age range of 4 - 22 years old at the time of the competition, and who did not win first prize in the Senior Competition of the preceding year.

Cash awards: 1st Place \$500, 2nd Place \$300, 3rd Place \$200

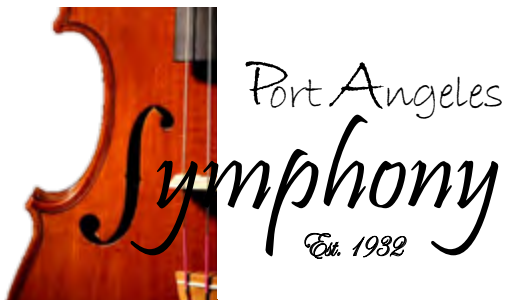
20th Annual Junior Young Artist Competition

The Nico Snel **Junior** Young Artist Competition was designed for those students who may not be ready yet for the Symphony's Young Artist Competition. The Junior Competition is open to any North Olympic Peninsula instrumentalist (piano, strings, woodwinds, brass, percussionists, etc.), who is age 14 or under at the time of the competition, and who did not win first prize in any prior Junior or Senior Young Artist Competition.

Cash awards: 1st Place \$250, 2nd Place \$150, 3rd Place \$100

Apply early as limited spots are available!

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Jonathan Pasternack, Artistic Director/Conductor
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41st Annual
Nico Snel Young Artist Competitions
Saturday, January 31, 2026
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Port Angeles

Application Deadline: December 31, 2025 (postmark)
Non-refundable registration fee: \$20.00

Open to orchestra instrumentalists (strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion) and pianists, age 4-22. Competitors are to perform a selection of classical music of concert quality. This selection need not be a concerto and your performance should not exceed 10 minutes. Competitors must provide their own piano accompanist for the competition (only piano accompaniment is permitted). Please note that there will be only one piano available. **Limited spots available!**

Pre-recorded performances will not be accepted for the competition. Results will be announced after the competition.

41st Young Artist Competition, Cash Awards: 1st Place \$500, 2nd Place \$300, 3rd Place \$200
20th Junior Young Artist Competition, Cash Awards: 1st Place \$250, 2nd Place \$200, 3rd Place \$100

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The competition rules are available at our website. www.portangelessymphony.org. For more information, including questions regarding music selections, please write to pasymphony@olypen.com or call the Symphony office at 360.457.5579.

Please note that all competitors and other event attendees are required to abide by the Port Angeles Symphony's health and safety protocols.



Nico Snel Young Artist Competitions Entry Form

* * * Nonrefundable Registration fee: \$20.00 * * *

Please type or print in block letters and check your spelling – this information will appear as written on the Program

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____ School _____ Grade/Year _____

Title/Movement(s) _____ Composer _____

Instrument _____ Approximate duration of performance (minutes) _____

Accompanist _____ Email Address _____ Phone _____

I am applying for (circle one): 2025 Young Artist Competition 2025 Junior Young Artist Competition

Recommended by (music teacher's signature required) _____

Name (Music Teacher: Please print your name and then sign)

Please provide your (music teacher's) email address and phone number

PARENT PUBLICITY RELEASE

The Port Angeles Symphony Orchestra (PASO) has my permission to use photographs of my child taken during the Nico Young Artist Competition, or which I supply of my child. Images, along with the child's name, may be used for the following publicity purposes: The PASO newsletter and web site; PASO marketing material; and PASO press releases and newspaper articles.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send your completed entry form(s) and fee to: Port Angeles Symphony, PO Box 2148, Port Angeles, WA 98362.