

ALL UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA

2024 Concerto & Aria Competition

APPLICATION FORM

GUIDELINES

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. All AUO members and CMU students who are studying privately—through the university or outside—are eligible to compete in this competition. ***All participants must be registered as full-time students at the time of their audition.*** If selected as a winner, the contestant must hold—at minimum—the status as a part-time CMU (or Pitt) student at the time of the 2024-2025 performance with the AUO. The first 10 applications will be given an audition time. Submissions that follow will be put on a waiting list and notified should a spot open.
2. One winner will be selected to appear as a soloist with the AUO during the 2024-2025 season. However, there is also a right to award more than one winner -OR- no winner.
3. The selected winner must be available during regular AUO rehearsals prior to the concert dates for the 2024-2025 season (Sundays 6:00-8:30 p.m. in the UC Studio Theater). The AUO will not compensate the performer's travel expenses nor is this a paid service.
4. Applications must be completed and submitted to AUO Music Director, Dr. Jeffrey Klefstad at cmuauo@gmail.com by **December 30, 2023**. ***Late applications will not be accepted.***
5. The Competition will take place in CMU's **Kresge Theater** on **February 13, 2024** from **5:30-10:00pm**. *Please note that the time of the competition is subject to change but participants will be informed in a timely manner. This competition is private and not open to the public.
6. Applicants must provide a copy of their piece (with cuts clearly marked) for the adjudicators when they audition. **Email a copy to cmuauo@gmail.com by January 29, 2024.**
7. The winner will be notified within two weeks of the Competition and given a performance date for the following academic year (2024-2025).

REPERTOIRE:

1. Each performer is required to provide their own accompanist and is allotted twenty (20) minutes to present their piece (memorization is not required). The auditioned piece must be at least six (6) minutes but not exceed forty (40) minutes of performance time. All pieces must be pre-approved by the AUO Music Director.
2. If the piece is a multi-movement work under the maximum performance time, ALL movements the applicant wishes to perform—if selected as the winner—must be presented during the competition. We suggest cutting long 'interludes/introductions' to conserve time. Participants may choose to audition with only one movement of a concerto, though this is not desirable.
3. The repertoire choice **must be available through a U.S. publisher**, or available in the U.S. through a publisher/agent (i.e. Schirmer or Lucks Music)—**No Exceptions**. Due to limited rehearsal time, it is strongly recommended the performer choose repertoire at a moderate difficulty to ensure a quality performance. If you have a question regarding repertoire, please email the AUO Music Director, Dr. Jeffrey Klefstad at cmuauo@gmail.com

PERFORMERS INFORMATION: (Please include information as you would want it to appear in the program)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Instrument/Voice Type: _____ Class/Year : _____

Major (Degree Concentration): _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone: _____

Applied Teacher: _____ Teachers: E-mail: _____

Accompanist: _____ Acc. E-mail: _____

REPERTOIRE INFORMATION:

Title of Work/Movements: (Please include the opus or catalogue number, and key if possible. For arias, please list the title of the complete work and then the title of the aria)

Composer & Dates: _____

Length of Work (6' minimum, 40' maximum) _____

*Vocalists may include recitatives if necessary, to meet the minimum performance time.

Are the orchestral accompaniment parts in the public domain? Yes _____ No _____
----- (Go to Section A) (Go to Section B)

SECTION A: If the work is in the public domain, please complete the following:

Publisher of Orchestral parts (not just of piano/vocal score or solo part. Publisher must be able to provide professionally printed parts. Reference to IMSLP/Petrucci Music Library or any other online resource with printable parts will **not** be accepted)

Publisher E-Mail Address: _____ Website: _____

Publisher Mailing Address: _____

Publisher Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____

Contact Person: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Cost for Purchase of Score and Set: _____ Cost for Extra String Parts: _____

Total Cost: _____ [Instrumentation required: Full Score, Full Set of Parts, and “extra” String Parts in the following count (for publisher calculation of purchase cost)—11/11/9/7/9]

ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: _____

**SECTION B. If the work is NOT in the public domain, please complete the following:
Publisher/Rental Agent of Orchestral Parts** (not just of piano/vocal score or solo part, but of full orchestra parts and score)

Publisher/ E-Mail Address: _____ Website: _____

Contact Person: _____ Any Additional Contact Info: _____

Publisher/Rental Agent Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____

Specific Phone Extension for “Rental Division,” if applicable: _____

Cost for Standard Rental Period: _____ Cost for Extended Rental Period: _____

(Please be sure that, when calculating cost, the publisher/rental agent understands the required instrumentation from above, as the extra string parts can often increase the cost. STRING COUNT needed: 10/10/12/8/8.)

How much advance notification is required by publisher, for rental? _____

Process for renting the orchestral parts: Via Website? _____

Via Contract (most common)? _____

How many weeks ahead of rental period is contract required? _____

Any Additional Information: _____

Applicants’ Electronic Signature: _____ Date: _____