

Palisades Symphony Young Artist Awards Competition 2024: Winners Announced

The Palisades Symphony Orchestra is proud to celebrate the exceptional talent and dedication of young musicians through our annual Young Artist Awards Competition. This esteemed event invites young talents from Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, Malibu, Topanga, Brentwood, and Venice to showcase their skills and compete for the opportunity to perform with the Palisades Symphony and to win monetary prizes. The 2024 competition was marked by an impressive display of musicianship across all age groups, and we are delighted to announce the winners in each category.

Grades 1-6 Winners:

- 1st Place: Noelle Spencer - Eva Holberg Award. Noel will receive \$300 and the opportunity to perform with the Palisades Symphony.
- 2nd Place: Nathaniel Shpigelmacher. Nathaniel will also join us for a performance with the Palisades Symphony.

Grades 7-9 Winners:

- 1st Place: Volodymyr Sopotnyak. Volodymyr is awarded \$300 and a performance with the Palisades Symphony.
- 2nd Place: Vivienne Shiao, receiving \$150 alongside a performance opportunity with the orchestra.
- 3rd Place: Ian Rhie-Kim, who will also have the privilege to perform with the Palisades Symphony.

Please note, Aidan Fu, despite his impressive performance, will not perform with the orchestra this year as he was last year's winner.

Grades 10-12 Winners:

- 1st Place: Andrew Huang. Andrew is awarded \$300 and will perform with the Palisades Symphony.
- 2nd Place: Margaryta Kuzina, receiving \$200 and a performance opportunity.
- 3rd Place: Lauryn Varnell - David M Meyer Memorial Award. Lauryn will receive \$150 and join us for a performance.
- 4th Place: Timotee Allouch-Chantipie is the recipient of the Music Director's Award, receiving \$300 and the opportunity to perform with the Palisades Symphony.

All of our winners are warmly invited to perform with the Palisades Symphony at a special concert to be held on June 16, 2024, at 7:30 p.m at the Palisades Lutheran Church located at 15905 W Sunset Blvd, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272. The rehearsal and concert details will be communicated separately. This event will not only showcase the winners' talents but also provide them with the invaluable experience of playing with Palisades Symphony and Maestro Maxim

Kuzin in a full orchestral setting. This concert is a highlight of our musical calendar and promises to be an unforgettable experience for both performers and audience alike.

As we celebrate the accomplishments of this year's participants, we eagerly look forward to the 2025 Palisades Symphony Young Artist Award Competition. The Palisades Symphony Orchestra invites young musicians who reside or attend school in Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, Malibu, Topanga, Brentwood, or Venice to prepare for next year's challenge. Winners will not only receive monetary awards but also the invaluable experience of performing with the Palisades Symphony. We encourage this year's first place winners to explore new opportunities by either competing on a different instrument or advancing to the next category as they become eligible.

Further details regarding the 2025 competition, including audition dates and application deadlines, will be announced in due course via the Palisades Symphony website. We invite all aspiring young artists to join us in this celebration of musical excellence and to take part in what promises to be another inspiring and enriching experience.

For more information, please visit the Palisades Symphony website or contact Sandra Sonderling, Auditions Chairman, at (310) 455-1761. Let the music inspire you, and we hope to see you in the 2025 competition!