



Society for Musical Arts
Sponsors: Alumnae of Mu Phi Epsilon and Sigma Alpha Iota

YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

- INSTRUMENT:** Voice
- QUALIFICATIONS:** College student, up to 34 years old as of the date of the competition.
Ann Arbor or Ypsilanti resident or presently registered at the University of Michigan, or Eastern Michigan University
- AWARDS:** **1st prize: \$1000 and solo recital** presented by the Society for Musical Arts in the 2026-2027 season
- REPERTOIRE:** One composition from each of the following periods:
1. Baroque or Classical through early Beethoven
 2. 19th Century – middle Beethoven to 1900
 3. 20th Century-21st century American

Memorization is required. Three languages must be represented. Accompanists (where required by the repertoire) are the responsibility of the contestant.

The results of this competition will be announced by **April 25, 2026**.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

Submit **the application form** as well as a **repertoire sheet** by April 15, 2026, participants must submit the application form as well as a repertoire sheet, including composition titles and composers (and their dates) to: info@annarborsma.org. Participants must also provide legible digital copies of the music scores for the use of the judges.

A single, unedited recording (maximum length: 30 minutes) must be uploaded to YouTube by April 15, 2026: the recording must be uploaded to YouTube with a privacy listing set to “unlisted” or “public” (whichever the contestant is comfortable with). The title should include the contestant’s full name and “S.M.A. Young Artist Competition 2026”. The URL should be included on the application.

Your video should show your whole body, with good lighting, in a landscape orientation of the camera, including your accompanist. Using an external microphone would be optimal, but is not required.

The contest will not be held unless a minimum of 5 contestants competes.

Payment of the non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee is required for your YouTube submission to be considered and must be received by April 15, 2026. This must be paid via PayPal using this link:

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/SC3BVUNEHS9GL>

ONLY THE FIRST 15 APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

In the event that no participant qualifies for an award, none will be given. All decisions of the judging panel are final. Previous recipients of prizes awarded by The Society for Musical Arts are not eligible. All expenses will be defrayed by the contestant.



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2026: VOICE APPLICATION FORM

(Please print or type)

1. NAME _____
2. DATE OF BIRTH _____
3. PRESENT ADDRESS _____
4. MOBILE PHONE _____
5. EMAIL ADDRESS _____
6. PERMANENT ADDRESS _____
7. NAME OF PRIVATE INSTRUCTOR _____
8. EDUCATION COMPLETED: (give name of school and year of graduation)
College _____
Professional music school _____
9. YouTube Link:

Signature _____ Date _____

Application deadline: April 15, 2026, with payment, as noted above.

Return by email to: info@annarborsma.org

The winner must supply a bio and a high-resolution digital photo within four weeks of the conclusion of the competition. The winning artist will be given a Competition Winner's Contract for the solo recital for The Society for Musical Arts 2026 Fall Season. The financial award will be given upon completion of the recital performance.

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