

La Crosse Symphony Orchestra presents...
28th Annual Richard Record Rising Stars Concerto Competition

Saturday, January 16, 2027
Viterbo University – LaCrosse

Closed Preliminaries: 8:30am – 2:00pm (approx.)
Open Finals: 3:30pm

Eligibility: High school students (grades 9-12) from Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa. (*Students completing high school early are eligible if they are not currently enrolled in higher education at the time of the competition.*) First-prize winners are not eligible to enter the year following their win.

Process: On January 16th, six students from the closed preliminaries will be selected to compete in the open finals that same day. The first and second prize winners will perform at the March 13th LSO concert.

Prizes and Awards:

- \$2250 cash award
- \$1500 cash award
- \$1000 cash award
- \$500 cash award
- (2) \$250 cash awards

Repertoire: Only one movement is to be selected (unless otherwise specified) from the competition repertoire list. The movement must include parts of the introduction, cadenza (if applicable) and finale within the 10-minute period. This applies to preliminary and final rounds. (The entire movement will be performed with the LSO in March.)

Fee: Non-refundable \$40 entry fee payable to the LSO must accompany the application form.

Rules:

- 1) Music must be memorized and **no longer than 10 minutes in duration**. Appropriate cuts should be made and marked in the judge's score.
- 2) The entire movement will be performed with the LSO on the March 13, 2027 concert.
- 3) All auditions must be done with piano accompaniment. Contestants are to provide their own accompanist.
- 4) Bring one judge's copy of the solo part. Numbering of measures is optional. **Photocopies are not allowed.**
- 5) Winners must be available to rehearse with the LSO on Thursday, March 11th and Friday, March 12th and to perform with the LSO on Saturday, March 13th. Attendance at the Guest Artist's Society event on Friday, March 12th from 5-6:30pm is also expected. (Please have a 3–5-minute piece that is fun for a small audience ready for that event. Your family members are invited to attend as well.)
- 6) Applications must be postmarked no later than **December 14, 2026**, and sent with the \$40 fee **AND** biography to:

Rising Stars Concerto Competition
c/o Janet Roth
350 20th St. S.
LaCrosse, WI 54601

For more information: Janet Roth at risingstars@lacrossesympphony.org



2027 Richard Record Rising Stars Concerto Competition Application

Name _____ Age _____ Phone (____) _____
(At time of competition)

Address _____
Street City State Zip

E-mail address _____

Instrument _____ Years of Study _____

High school _____ Grade in 2026-2027 _____

Private Teacher Name and Email _____

Composer _____

Title of piece _____ Mvt. _____

Accompanist name & email _____

Other students being assisted by this same accompanist? If so, who? _____

Parent Signature _____

(Your parent/guardian signature authorizes the La Crosse Symphony Orchestra to release the names and pictures of the participant to the media or for use on the LSO website and other publicity materials related to this competition and concert performance.)

Please enclose a personal biography with your application.

Application, biography, and \$40 non-refundable fee must be postmarked no later than Monday, **December 14, 2026.**

Make check **payable to LSO.**

Send completed application, bio, and check to:

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