

**MAIN LINE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
JAMES DEITZ MEMORIAL 2025 YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION**

The Main Line Symphony Orchestra is pleased to announce its 2025 James Deitz Memorial Young Artist Competition. Auditions will take place on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 625 Montgomery Ave, Bryn Mawr, PA.

RULES:

1. Students must be between 13 and 17 years of age as of September 1, 2025
2. The competition is limited to vocal or orchestral students who reside in the Delaware Valley, including Chester, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Bucks, Delaware Camden, Gloucester, and the county where James Deitz lived. Previous winners of the competition are not eligible to apply.
3. Music: A classical solo or concerto movement that has an orchestral accompaniment must be played from memory. Please note that the judges may request only certain parts of the audition piece to be played, not the entire piece, and may interrupt during the audition to request certain passages. Selection for performance with the orchestra is dependent upon the availability of the orchestra parts and approval of the Main Line Symphony Music Director. If selected to perform at a MLSO concert, the student must play the audition piece.
4. The student may provide an accompanist and must provide the original music, plus one copy of the music. An accompanist may be provided at an additional fee of \$40 per contestant.
5. The winner will perform with the Main Line symphony Orchestra during the 2025-26 season and will also receive a cash award.
6. The winner must provide a photographic portrait and a short biography.
7. To enter, complete the enclosed application form along with a \$35 non-refundable application fee, payable to MLSO. Please ask your teacher to complete the Teacher Recommendation form and mail it separately.
8. Applicants will be notified of their audition time. If you are requesting a specific time window for your audition, the request must be made when you submit your application. For further questions, please contact Mrs. Beth Vilsmeier (bavilsmeier@gmail.com).
9. **Applications must be received no later than September 2, 2025.** Students will receive notification of the acceptance of their application and audition time by September 12, 2025

10. Judges for the auditions will be the MLSO Music Director plus distinguished musicians from the MLSO. MLSO members who are private teachers of contestants will excuse themselves from judging their student's audition. If this situation should occur, an average score of the remaining judges will replace the score of the private teacher for that contestant.
11. Students must present proof of age, such as government issued ID (Driver's License, Passport, Birth Certificate) on the day of the audition.