



North State Symphony

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO

CHICO GUILD – NORTH STATE SYMPHONY – LEAGUE OF REDDING 2025-2026 YOUNG ARTIST AUDITIONS – FEBRUARY 8, 2026 AN INVITATION

October 1, 2025

To: Northern California Music Teachers,
School Music Directors,
College/University Music Department Chairs,
Music Students, Former YAA Participants

The Chico Guild, the League of Redding, and the North State Symphony again invite you to encourage your best students' participation in the annual Young Artists Auditions. This competition includes a School Division for students in grades 6-12 and a College/University Division. Through this program we encourage young musicians, thus ensuring healthy symphonies in the future.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Ample, free parking is available in nearby City of Chico and university lots.

We look forward to receiving applications from talented students. As you probably know, first place winners will be featured as soloists in a performance with the North State Symphony. Students will receive more detailed information about the event upon receipt of their applications.

Sincerely,

Ailsie McEnteggart, President, Chico Guild
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Enclosures (please duplicate as needed):
Announcement
Repertoire
Entry Application



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ELIGIBILITY

- Residence or hometown in Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, and Yuba counties or members of the North State Symphony.
- Any others must contact the Chico Guild-NSS president for permission.
- School Division – grades 6-12
- College/University Division – North State College/University students

AWARDS

- School Division – first place awarded \$700.00 from the Chico Guild and will appear as soloist with the North State Symphony. Second place will win \$300.00 from the Chico Guild.
- College/University Division – first place awarded \$500 from the Redding League and will appear as soloist with the North State Symphony. Second place will win \$300 from the Redding League.
- All contestants receive a Certificate of Participation and two complimentary tickets for a North State Symphony concert

REQUIREMENTS

- Eligible categories include voice, keyboard, and all orchestral instruments
- Each contestant must be prepared to present all or a major portion of a serious work for soloist and orchestra
- School Division competitors on violin, cello, and piano must choose a work from the attached list, unless a request for an alternate is approved. School Division competitors on other instruments may choose any concerto for their respective instruments.
- College division competitors may choose any concerto for their respective instruments
- Accompanists are required and must be provided by the contestants
- Memorization of the contest material is recommended but not mandatory
- Three copies of the score must be provided by the contestant for use by the judges
- The length of the audition should not be less than five (5) minutes and should not exceed ten (10) minutes. Contestants may perform one or more selections within this time.
- CDs or tapes are not permitted
- Contestants must appear at the audition at their own expense
- Recital attire is recommended; jeans and tee shirts are not appropriate
- A contestant may win first place only once in each category (voice, keyboard, instrumental)
- Judges' decisions will be final

TIME AND PLACE

- Sunday, February 8, 2026, beginning at 12:00 PM in the Rowland Taylor Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center (Room 134), California State University, Chico
- Practice rooms will be available
- Contestants will be notified by mail or e-mail for their audition time
- Winners, if not announced at the event, will be notified by mail or e-mail

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Send to Ailsie McEntegart, President, Chico Guild, 794 Vallombrosa Ave., Chico, CA 95926
- Postmark – **no later than January 24, 2026**
- Enclose a check or money order for the **non-refundable application fee of \$20**, payable to UF/NSS Chico Guild.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Ailsie McEntegart – (530) 342-1176; amcentegart@csuchico.edu
- North State Symphony – (530) 898-5984; symphony@csuchico.edu
- Visit the www.northstatesymphony.org



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YOUNG ARTISTS AUDITIONS SCHOOL DIVISION REPERTOIRE LIST

School Division competitors on violin, cello, and piano *must* choose a work from the following list unless prior approval is received. Please send any request to Ailsie McEnteggart, amcenteggart@csuchico.edu by January 10.

VIOLIN

- Bach, J.S. – any concerto
- Barber – Concerto
- Bruch – Concerto in G Minor
- Haydn – any concerto
- Kabalevsky – Concerto in C Major
- Mendelssohn – Concerto in E Minor
- Mozart – any concerto plus the Rondo in C Major
- Saint-Saëns – Concerto No. 3
- Tchaikovsky – Concerto in D Major
- Vivaldi – any concerto

CELLO

- Bach, C.P.E. – any concerto
- Bach, J.C. – any concerto
- Boccherini – Concerto in B-flat Major
- Bruch – Kol Nidrei
- Dvorak – Concerto
- Elgar – Concert in E Minor
- Fauré – Élégie
- Haydn – any concerto
- Kabalevsky – any concerto
- Saint-Saëns – Concerto in A Minor
- Schumann – Concerto in A Minor
- Tchaikovsky – Variations on a Rococo Theme
- Vivaldi – any concerto

PIANO

- Beethoven – any concerto
- Grieg – Concerto in A Minor, Mvt. 1
- Haydn – any concerto
- Kabalevsky – Concerto No. 3
- MacDowell – Concerto No. 2
- Mendelssohn – Concerto in G Minor
- Mozart – any concerto
- Saint-Saëns – Concerto in G Minor
- Schumann – Concerto in A minor, Op. 54
- Shostakovich – Concerto No. 1