

Dear AYSP members,

The University of New Mexico Symphony Orchestra and the Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program are delighted to announce the second annual AYS/UNM Apprenticeship Program, to take place in the spring semester of 2024!

This initiative offers high-school seniors in the AYSP the opportunity to perform advanced repertoire with a collegiate ensemble –the University of New Mexico Symphony Orchestra– after a period of coaching with University of New Mexico faculty.

This experience will culminate **in a concert with the UNMSO** –one of our three concerts of the spring semester 2024– **and a scholarship offer**, in the amount of \$2,000, to attend the University of New Mexico and perform in the UNMSO, recurring annually for four years, and contingent on participation in the UNMSO.

Pending a successful audition, students in the program will be assigned a specific concert on which to perform (each student will be assigned to a single concert cycle); assignments will be announced in January 2024- concert options are below!

Sign-up/Registration:

Interested AYSP members will submit the following interest form –<https://forms.gle/dF2vHzpSutVWws1K6>– no later than Friday, September 29th, 2023.

Audition Procedure:

Interested candidates will submit the following materials to the link below, no later than Friday, October 20th, in order to be made eligible for the experience:

- A video recording of a performance of a solo work/concerto (or excerpt of the same) of no less than six (6) minutes in length, unaccompanied.
- A video recording of a performance of your favorite two (2) minute excerpt of any of the AYSP music you're currently rehearsing.
- A statement, of 1-2 pages maximum, which describes the nature of your interest in the Apprenticeship Program: what are you looking to get from this experience?

Link for submission: <https://forms.gle/hJBivKqvvwjLiVqR8>

Announcement of Participants:

Based on the results of the above auditions, announcement of the participants of this program will take place at AYSP's Fall 2023 Concert.

Eligibility:

Registration is restricted to high school seniors currently enrolled in the AYSP.

Attendance Expectation:

While participating in the Apprenticeship Program, all students are expected to maintain good standing with the AYSP and attend all rehearsals of their respective ensemble. Repeated absences from the AYSP will result in removal from the Apprenticeship Program.

Important Preliminary Dates:

Friday, September 29th- Sign-up deadline

Friday, October 20th- Audition Video Due

Thursday, November 16th- AYS Semester 1 Concert; Apprentices Announced!

Concert Options (if your audition is successful, you will be assigned one of the following three options):

Concert 1: February 21st (dress rehearsal) and 22nd (concert)

Beethoven: Triple Concerto
with Drs. Carmelo de los Santos, violin, Falko Steinbach, piano, Christoph Wagner, cello

Sibelius: Symphony no. 5

Concert 2: March 27th (dress rehearsal) and 28th (concert)

in conjunction with the John Donald Robb Composers' Symposium

Stephen Gryc: Horn Concerto (New Mexico Premiere)
with Dr. Michael Walker, horn

Reena Esmail: Black Iris (New Mexico Premiere)

Concert 3: May 1st (dress rehearsal) and 2nd (concert)

Villa Lobos: Bachianas Brasileiras no. 4

TBD UNMSO Concerto/Aria Competition Winner

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Questions?:

Any questions should be emailed to *both* Dan Whisler and Matt Forte at dan@aysmusic.org and forte@unm.edu, respectively.