



Dear AYSP members,

The University of New Mexico Symphony Orchestra and the Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program are thrilled to announce the third annual AYS/UNM Apprenticeship Program, to take place in the spring semester of 2025!

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 2025– **and a scholarship offer**, starting at a minimum of \$2,000 per year, 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 2025.

To be considered, complete the two steps below (make sure you don't miss the deadlines!)

STEP 1: Sign-up/Register (due Friday, September 27th, 2024)

Interested AYSP members will complete and submit the following SIGN-UP form:

- <https://forms.office.com/r/zELfDdvCX3>

STEP 2: Send us your audition (due Friday, October 18th, 2024)

Interested candidates will submit the following materials to the link below:

1. 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.
2. A video recording of a performance of your favorite two (2) minute excerpt of any of the AYSP music you're currently rehearsing.
3. A statement, no more than 600 words (1-2 pages), 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.office.com/r/e6TK8VJVkL>

Announcement of Participants:

Based on the results of the above auditions, an announcement of the participants of this program will take place at AYSP's November 2024 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 27th- Sign-up deadline

Friday, October 18th- Audition Video deadline

Thursday, November 3rd- AYS Semester 1 Concert; Apprentices announced

January 2025, assignments announced

Spring 2025 Concert Options (if your audition is successful, you will be assigned one of the following three options):

Concert 1: Wednesday, February 26 | Dress rehearsal: Tuesday, February 25

Dukas, Paul | L'apprenti sorcier (The Sorcerer's Apprentice)

Grieg, Edvard | Peer Gynt Suite no.1 Op.46

Ortiz, Gabriela | Antropolis

Concert 2: Thursday, March 27 | Dress rehearsal: Wednesday, March 26

Montgomery, Jessie | Starburst

Marquez, Arturo | Danzon No. 3

Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus | Symphony No.35, K.385, D major (Haffner)

Concert 3: Thursday, May 8 | Dress rehearsal: Wednesday, May 7

Brahms, Academic Festival Overture, Op. 80

Beethoven Triple Concerto

Bernstein, selections from Symphonic Dances from West Side Story

Questions?

If you have any questions, please email both Dan Whisler and Sebastian Serrano-Ayala at dan@aysmusic.org and sebastians@unm.edu.