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ECSO Annual Instrumental Competition 2024

The 63rd Annual ECSO Instrumental Competition finals will be held Saturday, March 9, 2024, in Evans Hall on the Connecticut College campus in New London. We are so excited to hear another year of amazing musicians and strongly encourage all to apply!

Important dates:

Jan 8, 2024 – Early application deadline, discounted non-refundable application fee (\$40) with complete application including MP3 or WAV audio file.

Jan 29, 2024 – Application, non-refundable application fee (\$50) due along with recording in MP3 or WAV audio file.

February 19, 2024 – Finalists are notified by phone or email.

Mar 9, 2024 – Beginning at 1pm, final round of competition is held, with live performances from contestants at Connecticut College (New London, CT).

Requirements:

Preliminary round of competition (AUDIO-ONLY RECORDING):

- One movement of a concerto from any standard solo repertoire
- This movement should demonstrate a range of techniques, skill, and musicianship.
- The soloist must have accompaniment in recording.
- Only single-take, unedited recordings will be considered.

Final round of competition (LIVE):

- A complete concerto (or a solo piece with orchestral accompaniment) of their choice
- The final round must be performed by memory.

- The concerto (or a solo piece with orchestral accompaniment) will be performed with an accompanist. Finalists are responsible for securing an accompanist. However, please contact us if you need assistance.

Eligibility and application:

- Applicants must be 25 or younger on the day of the competition. Previous winners are not eligible. Applications must be completed before the deadline.
- Complete application will include:
 - (1) Online application form
 - (2) Proof of age
 - (3) Non-refundable application fee
 - (4) Audio recording of preliminary round repertoire.
- For the preliminary round, only AUDIO recordings will be accepted.
- **The online application form can be found on the ECSO website:**
<https://ectsymphony.com/instrumental-competition/>.

Application payment:

- Application fees can be paid by check and mailed to the ECSO office located at 289 State St, New London, Ct 06320 or send a PayPal link request to info@ectsymphony.com.

Other details:

- For further information or questions, you can email info@ectsymphony.com or call the office at 860-443-2876.

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The Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra is thrilled to announce our 2023-24 season lineup, curated by Music Director & Conductor Toshiyuki Shimada. Season highlights include the 100th Anniversary of Rhapsody in Blue, The Tom Brown 6, the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Chorus singing Haydn's *Lord Nelson's Mass*, and international guest artists. From early fall to late spring, the 75-plus member professional Symphony Orchestra presents six subscription concerts annually, most of which feature guest soloists. Subscription concerts are primarily performed at the historic award-winning Garde Arts Center on State Street in New London.

Visit ectsymphony.com for more information and follow us on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube) @ectsymphony. In addition to a range of affordable single-ticket options—from \$65 to as low as \$12—the ECSO offers those under 40 years of age and active or retired military members \$12 tickets in selected sections.



Founded in 1946 by Norwegian immigrant Victor Norman, the ECSO is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving the eastern Connecticut region, including New London, Norwich, Waterford, Groton, Mystic, Old Lyme, and East Lyme. Recent concerts in Norwich, Willimantic, and Stonington reflect our renewed dedication to serving a broader area.

Our mission is to inspire, educate, and connect our communities through live orchestral music.