

# Reading Symphony Orchestra

Charity No 273969

## Hickies/Reading Symphony Orchestra Young Musicians' Competition 2024 Rules

1. The competition is open to instrumentalists and singers who live or attend school within a 30-mile radius of Reading.
2. The competition is open to students of school age and will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
3. Competitors should have achieved a standard of at least equivalent to Grade 7 of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music and should be recommended by a teacher or other musician of professional standing.
4. Each competitor will be required to perform a programme of between eight and twelve minutes' duration. The work(s) chosen must be notified at the time of entry, although later submissions to amend the programme may be considered.
5. The programme can be with piano accompaniment or unaccompanied, but competitors are required to provide their own accompanist. Pre-recorded accompaniment will not be allowed.
6. A copy of the work(s) to be performed must be provided at the competition for the use of the adjudicators. Photocopies may not be used except with the written permission of the copyright owner. Copies will be returned at the end of the competition.
7. Each competitor will receive a written assessment by the adjudicators after the competition.
8. The adjudicators' decision is final, and no correspondence can be entered into.
9. The winner will receive a cash prize and a trophy, and will, if a suitable standard has been reached, be offered the opportunity to perform as a soloist with the orchestra in its 2024-2025 season.
10. The entry fee of £20 is non-refundable once the entry has been accepted.
11. Entries must be submitted on the official entry form (or a photocopy) to reach the Competition Secretary no later than 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Each entry must be accompanied by the entry fee of £20. Cheques should be made payable to **Reading Symphony Orchestra**.

Further information and entry forms may be obtained from our website at [www.rso.org.uk](http://www.rso.org.uk) or from:

**RSO Young Musicians' Competition, 2 Manor House Court, Heath Road, Reading RG6 1NA.**

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