

Reading Symphony Orchestra

Charity No 273969

Hickies/Reading Symphony Orchestra Young Musicians' Competition 2025 Rules

1. The competition is open to instrumentalists and singers who live or attend school within a 25-mile radius of Reading.
2. The competition is open to students of school age and will be held on Sunday 16th March 2025.
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 include accompanied and/or unaccompanied works but for accompanied works **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 vouchers 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 2025–2026 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 to reach the YMC Secretary no later than 28th February 2025. Each entry must be accompanied by the entry fee of £20. Please pay the fee by bank transfer using 'YMC' and your child's surname as the reference.

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Further information and entry forms may be obtained from our website at www.rso.org.uk. If you have any queries please contact RSO's YMC Secretary christina@beales.ws