

SoM Concerto Competition

January 2024

The School of Music is launching a new Concerto Competition for our most advanced students. As part of the upcoming 50th anniversary celebrations, the School of Music is enhancing collaborations and performance opportunities for our students. The aim of this competition is to select winner(s) who will perform as soloists with two of the most prominent ensembles in Malta.

- Classical Category Winner(s): Soloist with Malta Youth Orchestra in the 2024/25 season
- Contemporary Category Winner(s): Perform with Big Band Brothers in 2025

Competition Dates

There will be two rounds, which will take place at Malta School of Music, during school hours.

- 1) Monday 25th March 2024 preliminary round
- 2) Tuesday 26th March 2024 final round, open to the public

Deadline for Application: 31st of January 2024

Rules and Regulations

- Competition is open to students up to 25 years of age
- Students should be of Grade 6+ level in music performance
- There will be two categories, for Classical and Contemporary performances
- Students may apply as soloists or in small ensembles (2 to 3 musicians)
- Applicants are to perform a maximum of 10 minutes for the preliminary and final round.
 - Choice of repertoire should demonstrate student's musical and technical abilities.
 - The same repertoire is to be performed in the preliminary and final round.
 - This is to be own choice repertoire, and does <u>not</u> need to be a work for soloist & orchestra.
 - It is not compulsory to perform from memory but it is encouraged.
- Every application must be endoresed by the student's teacher. Application form is to be signed by the teacher.
- Request to change repertoire after application stage will need to be approved by the Head of School. Repertoire may not be changed after the 15th of March.
- At application stage students may include an idea/proposal of repertoire to be performed with Orchestra or Big Band if they are the winners. This will be discussed with the adjudicating panel before the final round.
- The adjudicating panel will be formed by the head of school, senior teachers and external members including representatives from the Malta Youth Orchestra and Big Band Brothers.
- Application fee: €5 per candidate (non-refundable)