

Application Form

Name

Date of birth

Address

Mob/Tel

Email

Name of school/college/university

Instrument

Proposed repertoire (concerto subject to approval)

1st round

Semi-final

Final

Signature of parent/carer (if under the age of 18)



"Playing Rhapsody in Blue with Marios Papadopoulos and the Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra was a sensational experience for me. It is an extremely energetic, youthful work and I feel that the Oxfordshire Youth Concerto Competition was the perfect environment in

which to play it. The chance and challenge of performing in the competition raised my playing to a new level."

Jan Elsner, winner of the 2015 Oxfordshire Junior Concerto Competition

Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra

Established in 1998, the Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra occupies a unique position within the UK orchestral landscape. Formerly known as Oxford Philomusica and hailed as 'thoroughly impressive' by BBC Music Magazine, its reputation is based on the uncompromising artistic standards of its founder and Music Director Marios Papadopoulos, and maintained by some of the finest musicians in the UK. Committed to outreach work from its earliest days, the Orchestra's projects focus on taking music to areas of social and economic disadvantage, including work in special schools and hospitals. In 2002, it was appointed as the University of Oxford's first ever Orchestra in Residence. As part of its University Residency, the Oxford Philharmonic collaborates with the Faculty of Music in educational programmes for the student community, while partnerships with Oxford City Council and Oxfordshire County Council provide tuition and performance opportunities for hundreds of talented young musicians.

Oxfordshire County Music Service

In addition to teaching instruments to thousands of young people in Oxfordshire, the County Music Service provides a wide range of activities, ensembles and Saturday Music Centres. These activities are coached and conducted by professionals who are especially trained to work with children and young people. Children can attend a group from their first term of learning an instrument. They then progress through a structured series of activities, culminating in the County Music Service's top groups that are amongst the finest in the country.



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In Residence at the University of Oxford

Oxfordshire Concerto Competition 2015/2016

Showcasing and rewarding Oxfordshire's musical talent

Presented by the

Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra & Oxfordshire County Music Service

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We have been astounded by the talent showcased in each and every Final of the Oxfordshire Concerto Competition ever since its launch in 2011/12. After expanding the competition to be split across two levels, alternating between a Junior and Senior competition each year, we are excited to launch our first Senior competition in 2015/16, allowing university-level musicians to compete for the opportunity to perform a concerto with a leading professional orchestra in the Final.

The three competition rounds, each requiring different skills from the musicians, will take place in front of a distinguished panel including Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra Music Director, Marios Papadopoulos, before an overall winner is announced at the climax of the competition in Oxford's historic Sheldonian Theatre.



Savitri Grier winner of the Oxfordshire Concerto Competition 2012

Who can apply?

We welcome applications from all instrumentalists who are:

- aged 23 or under on 31 August 2016
- an Oxfordshire resident or student
- in full-time education or on a gap year following A-levels

Applicants may be required to prove that they meet these entry requirements.

Application requirements

- complete the application form (overleaf)
- a recording of your playing between 5-10 minutes (mp3 or wav files only)
- a CV
- a signed accreditation from a professional musician

How do I apply?

Online

oxfordphil.com

Email

ellie@oxfordphil.com

Post

Ellie Nugent, University Residency Coordinator
Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra
29a Teignmouth Road, London NW2 4EB

Deadline for applications:

Friday 6 November 2015

Prizes

Winner

- a concerto performance in the second half of next year's Junior Competition final with the Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra under Marios Papadopoulos
- a cash prize of £1000
- a pre-concert recital in the Sheldonian Theatre during the Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra season

Two runners up

- a cash prize of £500 each

Competition Rounds

1st round

Saturday 28 November 2015

Centre for Music, Bayswater Road, Oxford

Applicants will be invited to perform a programme of 10 - 15 minutes in front of a panel of judges. Candidates must arrange their own accompanist if required.

Semi-final

Saturday 6 February 2016, 7pm

Centre for Music, Bayswater Road, Oxford

Competitors will each play one movement of a concerto (lasting no more than 15 minutes), with the Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra, in front of an audience and panel of judges.

Final

Thursday 10 March 2016, 7.30pm

Sheldonian Theatre

Three finalists will each perform the complete concerto from which their chosen semi-final movement was taken, together with the Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by John Traill. This final round will take place in front of an audience and judging panel of five. The winner will be announced the same evening.



Sally Yoonseo Lee finalist of the 2015 Oxfordshire Junior Concerto Competition