



ANNOUNCING THE 2026 ARLENE HARMS  
YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

The Paradise Symphony is conducting our annual search for talented young musicians in the following categories of performance:

ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENTS, PIANO, AND VOICE

We offer 2 categories:

JUNIOR LEVEL (STUDENTS UP TO AGE 13)

SENIOR LEVEL (STUDENTS AGE 14 TO 18)

*(Student's age at date of audition)*

If you know of an outstanding student and would like to recommend them for an audition, please give them a copy of this letter and the application form.

The deadline for receiving applications is January 30, 2026. Auditions will be held February 11, 2026 at the Adventist Academy music room.  
(5699 Academy Drive in Paradise, California)

1ST PLACE WINNER - from each level will have the opportunity to perform their audition piece as guest soloist with the Paradise Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Lloyd Roby in the April 12th concert at the Paradise Performing Arts Center. In addition to performing, 1st Place Winners will also be awarded a cash prize of \$250.

2ND PLACE WINNER - from each level will be awarded a cash prize of \$100.

Previous 1st Place Winners are disqualified from competing again in the same division on the same instrument.

Musical selection for student's audition (and performance should they win the competition) must be available with full orchestration and for rent or purchase, not to exceed \$250. (Any amount above that will be the responsibility of the student's guardian.)

The judges have the option to eliminate a level if they decide that there is not adequate representation and then, no awards or performance opportunity will be offered. Please read the audition form carefully for other pertinent information and to ensure that the applicant qualifies for the audition.

Thank you for your interest in, and continued support of our local young musicians.  
Sincerely,

Sylvia Meyer, *Young Artist Competition Director*

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