

CITY OF JOONDALUP

YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD 2025



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BACKGROUND

The City of Joondalup Young Musician of the Year Award, in collaboration with Perth Symphony Orchestra (PSO), is a vibrant competition spotlighting young musicians aged 14 to 23 across five key categories: **Brass**, **Percussion**, **Strings**, **Woodwind**, and **Piano**.

The competition serves as a launchpad for emerging talent and culminates in a finale performance, where category winners will compete for the coveted title of “CoJ Young Musician of the Year.”

ELIGIBILITY

Who can enter? Musicians aged 14 to 23 across five key categories:

BRASS

PERCUSSION

STRINGS

WOODWIND

PIANO

THE OPPORTUNITY

This competition is more than a contest — it’s a powerful platform for emerging musicians to be recognised by leading industry figures, gain invaluable feedback, build professional networks, and elevate their artistry.

The City of Joondalup Young Musician of the Year Award is designed to spotlight WA’s brightest young talent, offering finalists a chance to perform on a professional stage and connect directly with the people shaping the future of Australia’s classical music landscape.

The winner will not only earn the prestigious title of “CoJ Young Musician of the Year”, but also:

- Perform live with Perth Symphony Orchestra in 2026 — an unparalleled career opportunity.
- Take home a share in a \$5,000 prize pool, supporting their ongoing musical journey.

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KEY DATES

Monday July 14	Expressions of Interest Open
8:00am Friday August 1 (AWST)	Applications Open
11:59pm Sunday August 31 (AWST)	Applications Closed
Friday September 19	Finalists Notified (One from each category)
October 11 & October 12	Competition Weekend
Sunday October 12	Winners Announced

HOW TO APPLY

Entries should be made via the Perth Symphony Orchestra accessible via the website.

- Entry is FREE

Entrants must select their chosen category from the options and submit:

- One (1) photograph
- A short bio (not exceeding 150 words), please include why music is important to you.
- List the Repertoire in the provided box and upload a PDF version of the score.

Provide a link to your recording via Dropbox OR a private YouTube link. The recording must:

- Not exceed 10 minutes in length.
- Consist of two (2) contrasting pieces or excerpts.
- Include a short introduction for each piece.
- Be unedited and one (1) continuous piece of footage.

Any entrant who does not comply with the above criteria will be disqualified.

NOTE: Entrants are strongly advised to read through the [FAQS](#), the [General Rules](#) and [Terms and Conditions](#) prior to submitting an entry.

Contact our team for more information:

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Ready to take your talent to the stage? Scan the code to learn more!

