

Judith Elser Concerto Competition

The competition is open to undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in a Maine college or university.



The winner will receive a \$1,000 prize and perform their concerto as a guest soloist with the Midcoast Symphony Orchestra during the 2026/27 season at the Franco Center in Lewiston and the Orion Performing Arts Center in Topsham.

Deadline for applications: Feb. 14, 2026

The Concerto Competition will be held for five selected finalists on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Franco Center in Lewiston, Maine.

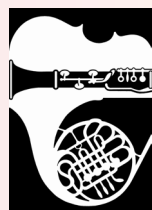
Applicants must be no older than 24 years of age as of May 20, 2026.

Application materials must include:

1. Current CV – including the name of your Maine educational institution
2. Video recording of your proposed concerto movement with your piano accompanist
A YouTube or other link to a recording, should be emailed to the address below.

Video recordings must include accompaniment.

Email applications to: Concerto@MidcoastSymphony.org



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