CNSO Concerto Competition 2027

This competition is open to all classical instrumental students of string, wind, brass, piano and percussion instruments from, resident or studying in South Wales and is a golden opportunity for talented and aspiring young musicians to become the CNSO Concerto Soloist 2027. Entrants should be 21 years of age or under on August 31st, 2027.

The Competition will begin with a Qualifying Round in which we will hear the first movement of the concerto (up to 20 minutes) on Sunday February 21st, 2027. The Final Round will follow on Saturday April 10th, 2027 during which the whole concerto will be presented. Both the Qualifying Round and the Final should be performed with piano accompaniment.

There is a non-refundable entry fee of £20 per entry for the CNSO Concerto Soloist 2027.

CNSO Young Musician Competition 2027

Entrants for the CNSO Young Musician Competition should be 16 years of age or under by August 31st, 2027. Be from, resident or studying in South Wales and have already passed Grade 6 ABRSM or be of an equivalent standard. The Qualifying round will be on Sunday February 21st, 2027. Entrants will be asked to play an own choice program of up to 5 minutes with piano accompaniment. If successful, the entrants will be asked to play in the Final Round on Saturday April 10th, 2027 with an own choice programme of 7-10 minutes with piano accompaniment.

There is a non-refundable entry fee of £10 per entry for the CNSO Young Musician 2027 Competition.

Entries for both competitions must be received by November 30th, 2026. All performances for both competitions should be accompanied by piano accompaniment.

Where an entrant requires a piano accompaniment they should arrange their own accompanist. A list of accompanists will be provided: it is up to entrants to make contact with an accompanist, arrange rehearsals and remuneration.

The Qualifying Round will be adjudicated by the Musical Director and Leader of the City of Newport Symphony Orchestra. The Finals of each Competition will be judged by two Independent Adjudicators.

All communications will be online by email as this is a paperless organisation.

Please do look at our website for more information about the City of Newport Symphony Orchestra: www.cnso.org.uk

For further information about the competitions, please e-mail: cnsoyoungmusician@gmail.com