



CNSO Concerto Competition 2025

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 CNSO Concerto Soloist 2025. Entrants should be 21 years of age or under on August 31st, 2025.

The Competition is based on a Qualifying Round in which we will hear one movement of the concerto (up to 20 minutes) on March 22nd 2025 and then a Final which will follow on May 10th 2025, in which the whole concerto will be presented. Both Qualifying Round and Finals should be with piano accompaniment.

There is a non-refundable entry fee of £20 per entry for the CNSO Concerto Soloist 2025.

CNSO Young Musician Competition 2025

Entrants for the CNSO Young Musician Competition should be 16 years of age or under by August 31st, 2025. Be from, resident or studying in South Wales and have already passed Grade 6 ABRSM or be of an equivalent standard. They will be required to play an own choice 5-minute programme of music in the Qualifying round, on March 22nd, and the final round, on May 10th, will consist of a programme of 7-10 minutes again own choice and all with piano accompaniment.

There is a non-refundable entry fee of £10.00 per entry for the CNSO Young Musician 2025 Competition.

Entries must be received by January 31st, 2025. All Qualifying Rounds and Finals in both competitions should be accompanied by piano.

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 Rounds will be adjudicated by the Musical Director, Leader, and Chairman of the City of Newport Symphony Orchestra. The Finals of each Competition will be judged by 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: cnsyoungmusician@gmail.com