



## YOUNG COMPOSERS COMPETITION 2025/26

*The Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra, located in the City of Toronto, Ontario, invites submissions for its eighth Young Composers Competition.*

**Grand Prize: \$2,500**, plus a performance of the winning Composition at a future EPO concert

**Runner-Up: \$1,500**

**Promising High-School Composer: \$500**

**DEADLINE:**

Submissions must be received by 6:00 pm on November 3, 2025.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Composers must be 32 years or under on December 31, 2025.
2. The competition is open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. Proof of status will be required for winning entries.
3. Works must be original compositions and ten minutes or less in duration.
4. Works must be scored for orchestra with 2222/4231, timp, perc, strings. Picc, 3rd flute and 3rd trumpet are optional.
5. Promising High-School Composer entries may be considered for the Grand Prize and Runner-Up, at the judges' discretion.
6. Composers may not submit more than one score.

**ASSESSMENT:** Entries will be assessed by a panel of three judges:

*Penelope Walcott* - composer, sound designer and sound artist

*Matthew Jones* – Music Director, Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra

*Mark Whale* – Concertmaster, Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra

**HOW TO APPLY:** E-mail a completed application form (available at [www.eporchestra.ca](http://www.eporchestra.ca)) to [youngcomposers@eporchestra.ca](mailto:youngcomposers@eporchestra.ca). Attach the score as .pdf file, and include a link to an audio file if you choose to submit a recording. Submissions that include recordings (orchestral or MIDI-synthesized) are generally easier to assess.

Include only the name of the composition on the score and in the .pdf/audio filenames. Do not include the composer's name.

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Name

Address

City

Province

Postal code

Phone

E-mail Address

Age as of December 31, 2025

Date of Birth

Title of Composition

*For Promising High-School Composer Entries:*

Current grade

High School Name

Submission includes: ☐ PDF version of completed application form  
☐ PDF version of the completed score  
☐ Link to an audio file (optional)  
☐ If you prefer to submit a hard-copy score and/or audio file on USB drive please contact [youngcomposers@eporchestra.ca](mailto:youngcomposers@eporchestra.ca) for submission instructions.

☐ I am a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

☐ This composition is an original work. It is not an arrangement of an existing work.

☐ I have read the terms and conditions and eligibility requirements for the competition, and all information in this application is accurate.

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Winners will be announced by December 31, 2025

NOTE: Only one composition per composer will be accepted.

Signature:

Date:

Visit [www.eporchestra.ca](http://www.eporchestra.ca) for additional details and application forms.

**Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra**

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