

# UMASS YOUNG ARTIST AWARDS – Spring 2023

## RULES AND INFORMATION

- **Eligibility**

Open to high school students who are residents of Massachusetts or who attend school in Massachusetts. Applicants must have a social security number. Applicants must not be under professional management. Previous 1st Place winners are not eligible for future prizes in their winning category.

- **Video Recording Submission**

- Repertoire must be performed in its entirety as indicated in the repertoire requirement section for your instrument. Single movements are permitted.
- Please clearly indicate the performer's full name, instrument, and submitted repertoire in the video title and description.
- Video performance must be from the last six months.
- Please note that submitted recordings do not need to be filmed in a particular setting. Videos filmed in a practice room, a living room, a concert hall, a recording studio, or any other setting may be submitted. If recording with your phone, make sure to record in landscape mode. The camera and lighting should be arranged in a way that allows a clear view of you and your instrument. Make sure that a basic lighting source is behind the camera, so that you can be seen clearly. Place the camera between 5 and 10 ft away from you. Make sure that your entire instrument can be seen in the frame.
- Recordings must not be edited, nor should any effects such as “reverb” be added.
- Each piece of repertoire should be provided on the application form in a single, unedited, unlisted YouTube link. (One link for the entire performance, or separate links for each piece are both accepted) Check video for playability and privacy settings before submitting. Unplayable videos will disqualify the applicant.

- **Application**

Application fees are non-refundable.

No changes may be made to video submissions after submission of application.

- **Awards**

Awards will be distributed at the discretion of the jury. Judges are not required to distribute any or all awards. All adjudication decisions are final.

- **Announcement of Winners**

Competition winners will be announced on this website and by email on June 10, 2023. Winners will also be notified by email directly. Winners must respond to their notification email no later than June 20, 2023 to claim their cash prize.

- **Jury**

The jury will consist of faculty members from the University of Massachusetts Amherst as well as guests.

- **Disqualification**

Anyone found to be ineligible, engaging in acts of dishonesty, or not in compliance with any competition rules will be disqualified.