



## **2022 SAN DIEGO YOUNG CELLIST COMPETITION**

The San Diego Cello Foundation announces the 2022 San Diego Young Cellist Competition, a hybrid event in which students will submit video recordings of their performances for review by a panel of distinguished judges as the preliminary round. A group of finalists for each of the three age categories would be invited to participate in the final “live” round of the competition in a concert performance setting.

The San Diego Cello Foundation with the support from San Diego State University, Local 325, American Federation of Musicians San Diego, Mainly Mozart Youth Symphony Orchestra, Villa Musica, The Violin Shop, and San Diego Violins are excited to offer this event to reach out to the young cellists in San Diego County. We believe that the 2022 San Diego Young Cellist Competition will recognize and reward the talent and the hard work of the young cellists in our community especially after the past two years with the global pandemic. It is our hope that the event will encourage students to continue with their music studies and work toward a goal of musical excellence during these difficult times.

### **RULES AND GUIDANCE**

**REGISTRATION CLOSES ON MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2022 AT 11:59PM**  
**VIDEO SUBMITTING DEADLINE: APRIL 11, 2022 AT 11:59PM**  
**FINAL PERFORMANCE IS AT 1:30PM APRIL 24, 2022. AWARD CEREMONY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING.**

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

- April 10, 2022, at 11:59PM

### **VIDEO SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

- April 11, 2022, at 11:59PM

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- This event is open to cellists who reside in San Diego County. Applicants must be residents of San Diego County for at least one year prior to the audition date.
- The teacher does NOT have to be a member of any association.
- PROOF OF AGE DOCUMENT such as Birth Certificate, Passport, student ID with birthdate, or driver's license, is required for each applicant.

## **AGE CATEGORIES**

- **Group A:** 15-18 years old, or in senior year of high school by April 24, 2022
- **Group B:** 10-14 by April 24, 2022
- **Group C:** 9 years old or younger by April 24, 2022

## **REPERTOIRE**

### **Group A:**

- Two contrasting selections from different periods (i.e.: Baroque; Classical; Romantic; Impressionist; 20th & 21st Centuries) indicating different styles and tempi. In the case of transitional composers in different categories, refer to the date of composition to ensure a contrast in style.
- One piece must be a concerto, sonata, or an equivalent major work with piano accompaniment.
- Unaccompanied works are acceptable if paired with a concerto or sonata.
- All repertoires must include at least one piece from the standard literature for that category.
- No Transcriptions, arrangements, or abridged versions will be accepted.
- All repertoires exclude sonatas must be memorized (final round only).

### **Group B:**

- One or more pieces selection from any of the periods (i.e.: Baroque; Classical; Romantic; Impressionist; 20th & 21st Centuries) demonstrating the students' technical and artistic abilities.
- All pieces exclude unaccompanied works must be performed with piano accompaniment.
- All repertoires must be from the standard literature for that category.
- No Transcriptions, arrangements, or abridged versions will be accepted.

### **Group C:**

- Two pieces selection of own choice.

## **AWARD & PRIZE**

### **Group A:**

First Prize (The Violin Shop Award): \$500 (Five Hundred) dollars

Second Prize: \$300 (Three Hundred) dollars

Third Prize: \$100 (One Hundred) dollars

### **Group B:**

First Prize (San Diego Violin Award): \$300 (Three Hundred) dollars

Second Prize: \$200 (Two Hundred) dollars

Third Prize: \$100 (One Hundred) dollars

### **Group C:**

First Prize (Villa Musica Award): \$150 (One Hundred and Fifty) dollars

Second Prize: \$100 (One Hundred) dollars

Third Prize: \$50 (Fifty) dollars

All prize winners will receive a pair of tickets to the San Diego Symphony concert featuring world renowned cellist Alisa Weilerstein, generously provided by the San Diego Symphony.

Possible concerto performance opportunity with Mainly Mozart Youth Symphony in 2022-2023 season subject to programming and scheduling.

Possible concerto performance opportunity with Villa Musica Chamber Players in 2022-2023 season subject to programming and scheduling.

Future masterclasses opportunities with renowned cellists and pedagogues.

All participants will be invited to participate in San Diego Cello Foundation large Cello Ensemble event in 2022-2023 season.

## **RULES OF PERFORMANCE, VOTING AND DECISIONS**

Group A:

Combined performances of two pieces for NO LESS than 10 minutes.

Repertoire chosen must be the same for both rounds.

Two pieces chosen DO NOT need to be recorded into one single take.

No piano accompaniment is needed for the preliminary round.

Group B:

Performance of piece or pieces for NO LESS than 5 minutes.

Repertoire chosen must be the same for both rounds.

If two pieces were chosen, they DO NOT need to be recorded into one single take.

No piano accompaniment is needed for the preliminary round.

Group C:

Performance of pieces with NO time limit or requirement.

Repertoire chosen must be the same for both rounds.

Each ticketed audience will receive a voucher to vote for one First, one Second and one Third Prize of each Group A, Group B and Group C. The voting vouchers will be collected at the end of the performance for counting. Candidates with the highest audience votes for each one of prizes will receive one single extra vote to be applied towards the judges vote.

**The decision of the competition committee is final, and the winners will be announced following the competition at the award ceremony.**

## **APPLICATION FEES**

- All Divisions: \$35.00 (non-refundable)
- Final Round admission included.

## **FINAL PERFORMANCE LOCATION**

Rhapsody Hall (M113)  
Music Building, San Diego State University  
5500 Campanile Dr.  
San Diego, CA92182  
For directions:  
<https://music.sdsu.edu/index.php/about/map>

For questions about the 2022 San Diego Young Cellist Competition  
Please email: [competition@sdcello.org](mailto:competition@sdcello.org)