



Wisconsin Philharmonic

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2026 Chapman Memorial Piano Competition March 2026

REQUIREMENTS

Competitor must be a resident of **Waukesha County**. Competitor must be at least 14 years of age but not more than 20 years old by March 1, 2026. All contestants must provide the judges with three copies of the concerto being performed.

Competitor must choose one selection from the following repertoire to perform from memory:

Beethoven – Piano Concerto No. 1, first movement

Beethoven – Piano Concerto No. 3, last movement

Beethoven – Piano Concerto No. 4, first or last movements

Beethoven – Piano Concerto No. 5, first or second AND third movement

Fauré – Ballade

Franck – Symphonic Variations

Grieg – Piano Concerto in A Minor, first movement

Mozart – Piano Concerto No. 20 in D Minor, last movement

Mozart – Piano Concerto No. 21 (“Elvira Madigan”), last movement

Mendelssohn – Piano Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, first or third movement

Saint-Saens – Piano Concerto No. 3 in E-flat Major, first movement

Note: An accompanist is required. A second piano will be available for your accompanist.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

Date: March 2026

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *Each pianist will be notified of the assigned audition time.*

Location: St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, 300 Carroll Street, Waukesha, WI 53186

Application Deadline: March 1, 2026

You will be notified of your audition time by March 2026. Auditions are closed to the public.

PRIZE

The winner will appear as soloist with the Wisconsin Philharmonic in the 2026-2027 season and will receive a cash award of \$800. The winner and his/her accompanist will also be required to perform at the Shining Stars Recital in April 2026. The decision of the judges is final. The Wisconsin Philharmonic reserves the right not to award the prize should a qualified winner not emerge during the competition.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND FEE

Applications are limited to the first 15 received. Complete the application form and mail along with the application fee of \$15.00 made payable to the *Wisconsin Philharmonic* by March 1, 2026 to:

Wisconsin Philharmonic
P.O. Box 531
Waukesha, WI 53187-0531

For questions, please contact Abby Lorenz, Piano Competition Coordinator, at 414-350-8713 or email AbbyLorenz@wi.rr.com.