

ALL UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA

2026 Concerto & Aria Competition

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Kresge Theater – 6:30pm

Participant Rules & Guidelines

**Please read the following information regarding competition logistics*

1. Audition Schedule

- Auditions will be held on **Wednesday, October 7, 2026 - 6:30-10:30pm** at Kresge Theater.
- Each performer is responsible for warming up on their own time and must arrive at the Kresge Stage Door no later than 5 minutes before their scheduled audition time.
- Auditions may run ahead of schedule; participants may be asked to audition earlier than their assigned time, so please plan to arrive early.

2. Audition Materials

- Participants must email a copy of their music, with any cuts clearly marked and legible, to AUO Music Director, Dr. Jeffrey Klefstad, cmuauo@gmail.com by **Sunday, September 20, 2026**.

3. Repertoire & Time Limit

- Each participant is given a 20-minute audition slot. Official time begins at the first note.
- Repertoire must fit within this 20-minute limit. Pieces should be 6-25 minutes in original length, and participants are responsible for editing cuts so their selections fits within the allotted time. Repertoire that cannot reasonably be cut to fit will not be accepted (see Application Form for guidelines).

4. Movement Requirements

- Participants may choose to audition with only one movement of a concert, though this is not desirable.
- All movements the participant wishes to perform at the final concert must be presented at the audition.
- We advise cutting sections within movements to conserve time.
- Jurors may ask participants where in the piece to begin.

5. Memorization

- Memorization is not required but is strongly encouraged.

6. Audience Policy

- This competition is closed to the public, including participants' own teachers

7. Accompaniment

- Accompaniment is required for all participants. Participants must arrange and pay for their own accompanist.
- Suggested accompanists:
 - Vahan Sargsyan - apecjan@cmu.edu
 - Rodrigo Ojeda - rojeda@andrew.cmu.edu
 - Reach out to School of Music Students

8. Results

- The winner will be notified by email within 2 weeks of the competition, and will perform with the AUO Symphony on **April 11, 2027**, at Carnegie Music Hall - Oakland.