



2026 Senior Showcase

The Senior Showcase is intended to recognize and encourage the musical talent of Great Falls' young musicians. The Showcase is an opportunity for students to perform a solo work with an orchestra in live performance.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must be both a high-school senior and a participating member of the Great Falls Youth Orchestra.

APPLICATION: Applications must be in the form of a letter written by the student. Applicants must indicate which qualities they would bring to a solo performance with the Youth Orchestra. The title of the repertoire to be played at the audition is to be included in the text of the letter. The letter must be received **no later than Sunday, December 14th, 2025.**

Mail:

Great Falls Symphony
Attn: Kyara Nelsen
P.O. Box 1078
Great Falls, MT 59403

Email:

kyaranelsen@gfsymphony.org

REPERTOIRE: One movement from a concerto or a single movement work for a solo instrument and orchestra, lasting under 15 minutes. It is recommended that the piece prepared for the concert be played from memory; this is **not** a requirement. No unaccompanied works will be considered. The Music Director reserves the right to refuse an application based on repertoire choice. **Prior approval of the repertoire selection by the Music Director is highly recommended.**

AUDITIONS: Please email a video or a YouTube link to Ms. Nelsen by **Sunday, January 25th, 2026.** Applicants are responsible for providing their own accompanists and the accompanist should also be included in the video. Ms. Nelsen can be reached at kyaranelsen@gfsymphony.org.

ADJUDICATION: There will be two judges. The judges reserve the right not to award a performance and will choose **one** winner.

SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE: Students who are chosen to present a solo with the Youth Orchestra will appear at the Spring concert on **Sunday, March 29th, 2026.**

Inquiries regarding the Senior Showcase should be directed to Kyara Nelsen, Youth Orchestra Programs Manager at (406) 431-7794 or kyaranelsen@gfsymphony.org.