



THE YOUNG VIRTUOSO AWARDS
2021

After the cancellation last year of The Young Virtuoso Awards, due to COVID 19, the awards are back on again this year. The National Finals will be held in Melbourne late November, where the winner of the ACT Awards will compete against winners of other states.

Now known as The Young Virtuoso Awards, (Previously Fine Music Youth Award) this competition has been held every year (except 2020) for the past 30 years. It brings to the winner broadcasting opportunities and cash prizes.

Especially for instrumentalists under 25 and vocalist under 30 there will be auditions in ACT at ArtSound FM Radio studios during August with the ACT Finals being broadcast live, late September. The winner will be flown to Melbourne, with accommodation provided to attend the National Finals.

There are four competing categories:

String; Woodwind & Brass; piano; and vocalist.

Prize

Overall ACT winner will receive a cash prize of \$2,500.00 along with the opportunity to record a 20-30 minute CD of music of their own choosing (including Air fare to Melbourne and overnight accommodation for the National Finals)

2nd ACT winner will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 along with the opportunity to record a 20-30 minute CD with music of their own choosing

Finalists of each heat will receive a CD of their performance

Each contestant will receive an ArtSound Young Virtuoso Certificate of participation

The National Winner will receive a cash prize of at least \$5,000 (exact amount TBD)

The following are requirement conditions of entry:

Status

Permanent resident of Australia or New Zealand

Age

Under 25 for instrumentalists and under 30 for vocalists on 31 December 2021

Qualification to represent state

Either have resided or studied in the ACT or near surrounds for a minimum of 12 months by 31 December 2021

Contestants will:

- provide three clean copies of the music to be performed on the day
- Complete APRA/AMCOS forms
- Agree to participate in promotional activities relative to the award
- Give unconditional permission to produce a sound recording of the Contestant's performance for National broadcast through participating radio stations in the Fine Music Network. Furthermore, ArtSound FM reserves the right to record, video, and photograph the Contestant and/or their performance for media, website, and social media use, live or delayed streaming, and for archival purposes

Performance Time:**For auditions**

Fifteen minutes. Any contestant taking longer than the required time will be disqualified

For finals

Twenty minutes with a minute leeway to be determined prior to the performance by the judges

Repertoire

- Instrumental contestants may choose two or more contrasting works to fit the allocated time
- Vocalists may choose a number of contrasting works from Opera and Art Song to fit the allocated time

Applications

Open from 9am, Thursday 1st July 2021 and close 5pm, Friday 30th July 2021 through the ArtSound FM website