



GOLDEN STATE
Youth Orchestra

YOUNG COMPOSERS' COMPETITION

All composers of any career status, nationality, or demographic group under the age of 35 are encouraged to apply.

PRIZES:

- **1st Prize** – US\$1,000; performance of the work during the 2027-2028 season by GSYO's top orchestra, including a professional audio recording of the concert performance
- **2nd Prize** – US\$500
- **3rd Prize** – US \$250

DATES

- **September 9, 2026** – application opens
- **April 30, 2027** – application deadline
- **June 1, 2027** – winners announced



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Commissioning new works is extremely important for any orchestra. Symphony orchestras can very easily fall into the habit of regurgitating masterworks of great composers from the past, for a good reason. However, composers are at the frontier of progress in Classical Music and if they do not write, we will not have the music of tomorrow. The purpose of this competition is to encourage more new music to be written and performed.

Dr. Yun Song Tay
Music Director & Conductor