

# **2023 Sonora Bach Festival Youth Auditions Guidelines**



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1. The youth auditions are open to students through the 12th grade from Tuolumne, Calaveras, and Amador counties. Applications must include a signed recommendation from the teacher or adult advisor.
2. The music selected must be from the Baroque through the Classical periods. A few of the composers to choose from are J. S. Bach, Buxtehude, Frescobaldi, Marcello, Sweelinck, Quantz, Tartini, Telemann, Monteverdi, Lully, Purcell, Corelli, Vivaldi, Rameau, Couperin, Scarlatti, Handel, Loeillet, Pachelbel, Pergolesi, Mozart, Haydn, and Beethoven.
3. The music must be performed from memory for the audition as well as for the performance. Ensembles may use music.
4. Auditions are concert style with family and friends as audience. There are no assigned audition times; students will play on a first-come, first-served basis. Specific audition times will be considered upon request with 48 hour notice.
5. Ensembles must provide their own music stands.
6. A student may audition on only one solo instrument and in only one ensemble.
7. Students must provide at least three copies (an original is OK – it will be returned) of the music for reference by the judges during the audition.
8. A musical selection shall not exceed 5 minutes in length.
9. Daytime concert dress is required for both the audition and the concert. Discuss this with your teacher. For girls, skirts or dresses and dress shoes. For boys, shirt and tie, jacket optional, dress shoes.
10. At the audition, each student will announce his or her name, title of piece, and composer.
11. Teachers will make arrangements for an accompanist if required. Teachers may accompany students. The Bach Festival can provide an accompanist, with advance notice, for a \$20 fee.
12. There will be no formal rehearsal for the concert, but students may come early for a run-through, on a first-come, first-served basis. Both auditions and concert will be held at the Church of the 49ers in Columbia.

**2023 Sonora Bach Festival  
Audition Application Form**

**Please send completed application by Friday, September 8 to:  
sonorayouthbachfestival@gmail.com (Email is HIGHLY preferred)**

**Mail:  
Sonora Bach Festival  
Attn: Youth Auditions  
PO Box 4583  
Sonora, CA. 95370**

Student's name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Age\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument\_\_\_\_\_ Ensemble?\_\_\_\_\_

School\_\_\_\_\_ Years of study\_\_\_\_\_

Performance piece\_\_\_\_\_

Composer\_\_\_\_\_

Do you require piano accompaniment provided by SBF? \_\_\_\_\_

If providing own accompanist, list name\_\_\_\_\_

For an ensemble, please list names of others in group\_\_\_\_\_

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Teacher's recommendation (signature)\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's address\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's phone\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_\_

What is the nature of your relationship with student (private teacher, school music teacher, church music director, etc.)  
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How long have you worked with the student? \_\_\_\_\_