



Penfield Symphony Orchestra's Jo Amish Young Artist Competition Raymond Santirocco Memorial Piano Award

Open to Instrumentalists and Pianists in Grades 11 & 12



Jo Amish

Jo Amish enjoyed a lifelong love of music. She was a strong supporter of the Penfield Symphony Orchestra, where she served as principal second violinist for more than thirty years. She believed strongly in the importance of promoting the arts to youth.

During Jo's final years, her five children decided to honor their mother through a contribution to the PSO by underwriting the Young Artist Award. The award was subsequently renamed in her honor. Jo was deeply touched by this and took great pride in presenting the award while her health permitted. Her love of music and generosity of spirit live on through the award and through her children and grandchildren.



Raymond Santirocco

Raymond Santirocco served as dean and associate provost during his tenure at Rochester Institute of Technology. At the same time, he served eight years on the Penfield Town Board.

He was an accomplished pianist, and music was his constant love. During his career, Santirocco served on the boards of the United Way, the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, the Penfield Symphony Orchestra, and the Genesee Early Music Society, as well as the Penfield Library, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Crime Stoppers, the Society for Total Emergency Preparedness (STEP), the Manufacturing Partnership, Prevention Partners, and Project Unique.

Jo Amish Competition Prizes

First Place - \$400 and an appearance as soloist with the PSO on May 10, 2027

Second Place - \$300

Third Place - \$200

Application is on the following page

Audition Requirements

- Contestants are expected to perform either the first or third movement of a concerto or a composition for solo instrument and orchestra.
- Memorization of audition material is recommended but not required.
- Piano accompaniment is required for all contestants. All applicants are to provide their own accompanist. Please abbreviate long tutti passages in the accompaniment.
- Each audition will last a maximum of ten minutes. Contestants may be interrupted at the discretion of the judges.
- A non-refundable fee of \$20 must accompany each application. Checks should be made out to Penfield Symphony Orchestra.

Note on repertoire selection: Due to time and cost constraints, orchestral parts must be available from a publisher or rental agency in the USA. If you need help in verifying this, please contact the PSO office. *Performance must be of the auditioned material.*

Eligibility

Each year the Penfield Symphony Orchestra holds auditions for the Jo Amish Young Artist Competition. It is open to students in grades 11 and 12 who live in Genesee, Orleans, Livingston, Seneca, Monroe, Wayne, Ontario, Wyoming, or Yates counties. Eligible instruments are strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, harp, guitar, and piano.

Raymond Santirocco Memorial Piano Award

If any of the winners play the piano, they will also receive the Raymond A. Santirocco Memorial Piano Award. This award was established by the late Berthe Santirocco to honor her husband, who was a pianist and a former member of the Penfield Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors. This additional cash award is \$100.



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Name _____
Street _____ City _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____ Email _____
County _____ Instrument _____
High School _____ Grade Level _____
Repertoire to be performed _____

High school music teacher — print name

High school music teacher signature

High School music teacher —email

Private music teacher — print name

Private music teacher signature and email

High School music teacher —email

The signatures below give the PSO permission to use
your photo and biography in press releases and other
publicity.

Applicant signature

Parent/Guardian signature

Additional application forms can be found on our website:

Applications Are Due

January 9, 2027

The schedule will be sent out no later than
January 13th.

Auditions Will Be Held On

Saturday, January 30, 2027

Auditions will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue
until all students have been heard.

Please reserve the morning.

Winner Will Perform On

Monday, May 10, 2027

Winners are required to submit a high-res. photo
and bio by March 1, 2027. Photo must be at least
300 dpi and 5" x 8" or larger.

**Please send the completed application with a
non-refundable application fee of \$20 to:**

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