

The Youth Orchestra Award of Jeunesses Musicales Germany

The slightly different orchestra competition



You are more than a musician...You are more than a conductor...You are
more than an orchestra...

The German Youth Orchestra Award is more than a Competition!



Who can participate:

- symphonic youth orchestras
- symphonic wind orchestra
- a maximum of 20% of the participants of the orchestras are allowed to be 2

Criteria:

- Chose your own „motto“, find your own special topic = the young musicians come up with their own ideas for a concert setup, the music, the theme, etc.
- active collaboration of the young musicians = participants of the orchestras organize the concert in all ways (planning, marketing, realisation, etc.)
- musical quality of the performance



Prizes:

1. Prize: 3000 €
2. Prize: 2000 €
3. Prize: 1000 €

How does it work:

- online registration on the JMD-website www.jugendorchesterpreis.de
- all registered orchestras receive the guidelines to prepare for the application and the competition
- the orchestras apply to participate and send in all necessary documents and information as described in the guidelines
- a committee of JMD reviews all applications and nominates 15 candidates to participate in the competition
- the nominated orchestras start to prepare for their competition-concert. During the preparation they are entitled to a coaching in any matter/field they feel they need help. They contact JMD and get a specialized coach to work on the issue together with the orchestra members for a coaching that takes place wherever the orchestra has its home
- from October to June the competition concerts need to take place and a juror visits the concert on behalf of the committee
- with the help of questionnaires etc. the juror evaluates all criteria of the competition by listening to the concert, interviewing the participants and organizers of the youth orchestra, etc.
- at the end of the competition period all jurors come together to evaluate all 15 concerts and to decide on the winners.
- apart from the three monetary prizes sometimes special awards are granted for extraordinary achievements (social impact, etc.)
- a youth orchestra camp is organized in Weikersheim where 2-4 musicians of all the participating orchestras come together for a weekend to discuss their experiences, rehearse together in a special ensemble and to perform at the award-ceremony
- the award ceremony is held in Weikersheim and every winning ensemble is presented with a short speech by the juror

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