



NEW HAVEN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

# YOUNG COMPOSER PROJECT 2021-2023



The New Haven Symphony Orchestra proudly invests in Connecticut's most promising high school musicians through the Young Composer Project. This unique educational initiative is prepared to welcome its fifth cohort under the leadership of Joel Thompson, best known for his choral work *Seven Last Words of the Unarmed*.

The Young Composer Project is an exciting and rare opportunity for the most focused and promising high school musicians to study side-by-side with professional composers. A two-year program focusing on music theory, music history, and composition grants students access to NHSO musicians and one of America's foremost performer-composers. Students will participate in group and individual monthly lessons, compose new works, study great compositions, and have their pieces premiered by NHSO musicians.

Please complete the attached application to be considered for this program.

**Mail applications to:**

Education Department  
New Haven Symphony Orchestra  
4 Hamilton Street  
New Haven, CT 06511

**Email scanned applications to:**

Education@NewHavenSymphony.org

**Application Deadline:**

October 15, 2021

## OUR COMPOSER

World-renowned pianist and composer Joel Thompson is looking forward to working with exceptional high school students dedicated to advanced musical study!

[NewHavenSymphony.org](http://NewHavenSymphony.org)

## To apply, please submit the following

- This application form
- Two contrasting compositions (full scores)
- List of performances that your compositions have received (if any)
- Recordings of your compositions (if possible)
- Personal essay on why you wish to participate in this program (one-page maximum)
- List of instruments you play/number of years of study (please include teacher names)
- List of ensembles in which you perform or have performed (please include director names)
- At least one recommendation letter from a current music teacher or ensemble director

Questions? Contact NHSO Education Director Caitlin Daly:  
Education@NewHavenSymphony.org  
203.865.0831 x13



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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's preferred phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student cell phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade (as of Fall 2021)** \_\_\_\_\_ **School** \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that only students entering 9th, 10th, or 11th grade may apply as the project continues for two years.

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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