

Welcome to the Zoom version of the WYO Scholarship Competition. Congratulations to you all for participating. We recognize that everything is “different” this year. You’ve shown an impressively positive attitude and resilient enthusiasm for WYO despite the unusual circumstances.

Zoom details:

You will receive a link in a Zoom Invite before the event, in the same way that you do for orchestra rehearsals. The Zoom set up will simulate a live event, with several “rooms”.

- Click on the link to enter the Zoom event - you will first arrive in a waiting room. Stay in the waiting room until the host lets you into the Zoom event.
- You’ll join the host in the first room, like a “lobby”.
- The adjudicators are in a breakout room... a “performance room”. The host will send you into the performance room when the adjudicators are ready to hear you play.
- After your performance you’ll return to the “lobby” with the host.

Know your scheduled performance time:

- You may end up performing **up to 15 minutes earlier or 15 minutes later** than your scheduled time.
- We recommend that you prepare your space, instrument and equipment well in advance of your performance time. Leave yourself plenty of time to get comfortably set up.

Important Zoom Settings and Computer Set Up:

- In Settings for Zoom, ensure that the **“original sound” is on (using “turn on original sound”)**
- The “original sound” setting is visible in the top left of the screen.
- If it is not visible on your screen: Go into Zoom “Settings” – “Audio” – and click on “Advanced” (usually bottom right corner), and then select “Show in-meeting option to Enable Original Sound from microphone”. (There are helpful YouTube videos on this. Example: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBDWupZUc24>)
- Participants should take all possible measures on their side to ensure that the Zoom connection is as good as possible. For example:
 - Close other, unneeded applications on your computer as those other apps use memory and processing power from your computer.
 - Stop other bandwidth-intensive activities (both on your device and on other computers and devices that share your Internet connection). i.e. Ask family members to stay off the internet during your performance.
 - If you sometimes experience interruption, consider moving close to a router or using a wired connection.

Set up your performance space:

- Find a space as suitable as possible in which to perform: with adequate front-lighting, not backlit, acoustics clear and balanced (not muffled, not echoing).
- Find a distance from your device and a camera angle that frames you well.
- Do what you can to ensure you will not be interrupted when you play and that there is no background noise.
- Most importantly, experiment with your set up before your performance on Saturday so that you are comfortable with the space and equipment. This includes ensuring you have the best Zoom settings for your performance.

Who to contact if you have a problem:

If you have to withdraw due to personal reasons, please advise us as soon as you know.

If you are encountering challenges please contact us.

For questions, you can contact the committee at wyo1923.sc@gmail.com

For more urgent matters on Saturday, mobile numbers of the organizers have been shared with participants by email.