



Greeley Chamber Orchestra

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October 17, 2026

The Greeley Chamber Orchestra is pleased to announce the 45th annual Walter and Virginia Charles Concerto Contest for high school students in grades 10, 11, or 12 residing in Boulder, Larimer, Morgan and Weld Counties. The contest is open to young area musicians playing a standard orchestra instrument (wind instruments, strings or percussion) or piano. The music should be scored for chamber orchestra accompaniment. Please encourage outstanding student to apply.

This event is made possible by a generous gift from the late Virginia Charles. First prize is \$1,000 and the winner will be the featured soloist in a concert with the Greeley Chamber Orchestra during its 2026-2027 season, on March 5, 2027. A second place prize of \$500 will also be awarded (no performance opportunity applies).

The competition will be held Saturday, January 9, 2027 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Greeley. Entrants must provide their own accompanist. Memorization is preferred but not required. Each entrant will be allowed fifteen (15) minutes to perform all or part of a piece that would be suitable for performance with the orchestra. Orchestration may involve strings, woodwinds in pairs, horns, trumpets, timpani and harpsichord. Audition details will be sent to each qualified contestant after the application is returned. If there are any questions about the appropriateness of a piece or about the competition, please feel free to call Marcia Bohnenblust, 970-396-6542 or Cheryl Primmer, 970-209-8200, coordinators of the Greeley Chamber Orchestra Concerto Contest. Entrants selecting pieces which are not written for chamber orchestra accompaniment will not be accepted for the competition.

Deadline for entries is December 21, 2026.

Video recordings of previous concerto contest performances are available on the Orchestra's website: www.greeleychamberorchestra.org

Thank You,
Marcia Bohnenblust & Cheryl Primmer
GCO Concerto Contest Coordinators



ENTRY FORM 2026 WALTER AND VIRGINIA CHARLES CONCERTO CONTEST

Sponsored by the Greeley Chamber Orchestra
Saturday, January 9, 2027

NAME		EMAIL		INSTRUMENT
ADDRESS		CITY	ZIP CODE	PHONE
				COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL	GRADE	AGE	MUSIC TEACHER	
TITLE OF SELECTION		COMPOSER		

*The literature used must be suitable for performance with the orchestra (orchestration may involve strings, woodwinds in pairs, horns, trumpets, timpani, and harpsichord).

*Two letters of recommendation must accompany the application.

*The competition is open to all high school students in grades 10,11, and 12 in Boulder, Larimer, Morgan, and Weld counties.

*Memorization is preferred but not required.

*The decision of the judges is final.

*This completed application constitutes the applicant's agreement to perform with the Greeley Chamber Orchestra during the 2026-2027 concert season if possible, should the applicant be awarded first place.

Please return this completed form by mail or on-line no later than December 21, 2026.

The Greeley Chamber Orchestra.

c/o Marcia Bohnenblust

2501 57th Ave, Greeley, CO 80634

All applicants will be notified of their audition time by December 28, 2026

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