

Your Favorite Overture Contest

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Your Favorite Overture contest?

It is a contest for JSO musicians and patrons to decide what Overture will be played at the April 7, 2024 concert.

Why is JSO doing this contest?

Part of our mission is to foster an appreciation and knowledge of classical music for musicians and audience. Many of the selections are lesser-known works by well known composers and the majority of them have never been performed by JSO.

This is also a limited time fundraiser contest outside of Colorado Gives Day to promote interest in unfamiliar music and encourage audience participation in JSO programming.

Who gets to vote?

JSO Season Subscribers, Board Members and Musicians get one free vote each during early voting Nov 2-Dec 9.

The public may vote for their favorite by making a \$10 or higher donation to their favorite overture via the JSO donation button link.

When do I vote? How do I vote?

JSO Season Subscribers, Board Members and Musicians will be sent an email link to the hidden Your Favorite Overture webpage along with a link to submit their votes during early voting Nov 2-Dec 9.

The public may vote with an online donation from December 10, 2023-February 11, 2024 via jeffsymphony.org. Each donation boost is \$10. If donors donate \$100, that is 10 votes for their choice.

What are the Overture choices?

The 10 Overtures, along with YouTube and Spotify links can be found on the Your Favorite Overture webpage on jeffsymphony.org. Note: this page will be publicly visible on December 10, 2023. From November 2-December 9 this page can only be accessed via a link sent to JSA members.

I don't know any of these Overtures. Can I write in my own choice?

No. The goal is to encourage musicians and patrons to learn about relatively unknown classical works.

What can I do to promote my choice for Overture?

Make a donation with the name of your top choice via the donate link at jeffsymphony.org. Anyone may vote with a donation from December 10, 2023-February 11, 2024. Each donation boost is \$10. If a donor gives \$100, that is 10 votes for his/her choice.

Can I donate to more than one Overture?

Yes, and you can donate as much as you like. You must do separate donations for each choice and list your choice so we can clearly tally the donations for each overture.

How will I know what Overture is winning?

The voting results will be posted weekly on the JSO Overture webpage from Nov 10-February 1, 2024. There will be a "blackout period" from February 2-February 11 during which patrons may donate to promote their choice but the rankings will not be published.

When will I know the winner?

The winning overture will be announced live, on stage, at the start of the Young Artist Concert on April 7, 2024.

If the winner isn't announced until April 2024, why does voting close on February 11, 2024?

We chose Superbowl Sunday as a significant day to close voting. It gives the public one week after our Winter Concert on February 4 to donate to boost a favorite choice. The orchestra has to rehearse the winning overture in the weeks before the winning overture is announced live, on stage, at the start of the Young Artist Concert on April 7, 2024.