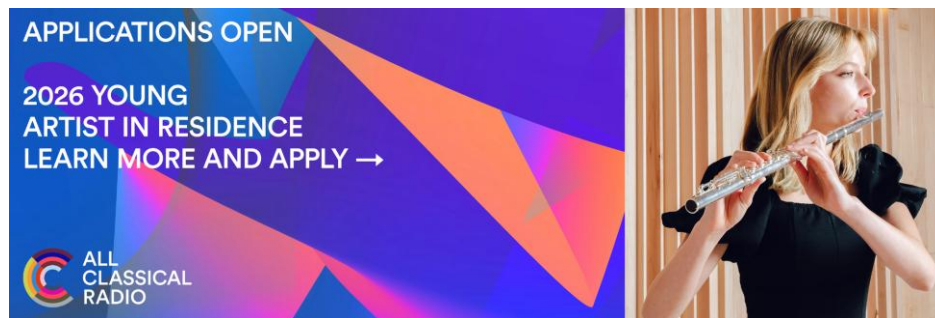




## All Classical Radio Announces Applications for 2026-2027 Young Artist in Residence



PORTLAND, Ore. May 26, 2026 – All Classical Radio invites young musicians and up-and-coming artists to apply for its Young Artist in Residence program, designed to foster the creative growth of emerging artists. During the residency, the selected young artist will have opportunities to expand and deepen their engagement with audiences and to collaborate with other musicians and composers through the station’s expansive network. Applications for the 2026-27 Young Artist in Residence are available [here](#), and open now through July 2, 2026.

“All Classical Radio is committed to creating meaningful opportunities for the next generation of artists through this program,” says Kristina Becker, All Classical Radio’s Communications & Operations Manager, who oversees the program. “As a community-minded organization, one of our main goals is to nurture talented young musicians to help them grow, connect, and share their voices with our audiences. This residency gives emerging musicians performance experience, mentorship, access to unique resources, and a supportive professional network to foster leadership skills, artistic development, and career growth.”

All Classical Radio is a nationally recognized arts and culture network based in Portland, Oregon, and one of the first stations in the nation to offer artist residencies. The public radio station boasts a local reach of around 200,000 regular listeners through broadcast radio and 400,000 monthly visitors through its website,

representing listeners across the United States and in over 100 countries worldwide.

“It has been an honor to work with All Classical Radio and represent and reach young listeners through their platform,” shares Dana Sparling, the station’s 2025-26 Young Artist in Residence. “In my experience playing in youth orchestras and school ensembles, radio is still where a lot of young people first encounter classical music, and All Classical has always presented this artform in a way that is accessible, diverse, and exciting for all listeners. This opportunity has allowed me to uplift other young artists in my community and helped me build connections within the Pacific Northwest’s classical music community, and gain confidence as a performer.”

The 2026-27 Young Artist in Residence will:

- Appear on an episode of Thursdays @ Three, All Classical Radio’s flagship live broadcast performance radio show.
- Perform at All Classical Radio events, such as special recitals, open houses, and community events.
- Write content for the station’s website, blog, and social media platforms.
- Enjoy access to the state-of-the-art recording facilities and digital archives of All Classical Radio and the International Children’s Arts Network.
- Receive mentorship from the station’s Artist in Residence or on-air hosts.
- Participate in a professional photoshoot.
- Receive a financial scholarship to assist in projects and continued studies.

Interested young musicians who play an instrument or compose and have a strong interest in classical music are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be between the ages of 13 and 20 when they apply. If under age 18, consent of parent or guardian is required. One young musician will be named the 2026-27 Young Artist in Residence and will be selected in July; a public announcement follows in September. The residency begins in September 2026 and runs through June 2027. The time commitment will vary, depending on activities. It entails about two to four hours per month.

All Classical Radio has provided opportunities to numerous young and professional musicians for career advancement, creative development, and audience exposure since the Young Artist in Residence program started in 2019. Last year, the station named flute, piccolo, and saxophone player [Dana Sparling](#) as Young Artist in Residence.

More information is available by visiting the [All Classical Radio website](#) or contacting Kristina Becker at [allclassical.org/contact-kristina/](mailto:allclassical.org/contact-kristina/).

## **About All Classical Radio**

All Classical Radio is consistently ranked in the top three classical radio stations in the USA. The network is recognized for its bold collaborations and outreach and for broadcasting 98% locally produced programming, including innovative music playlists, interviews, live broadcasts, and arts and culture specials. Home to the groundbreaking Artist Anthology and the International Children's Arts Network, All Classical Radio is one of the first classical stations in the nation to name artists and composers in residence and to develop robust youth journalism mentorships.

Broadcasting from the heart of Downtown Portland, All Classical Radio is an independent and community-funded radio station, providing unparalleled access to classical music, outstanding performances, information about the arts, and more since 1983. Serving roughly 200,000 local households in Oregon and SW Washington, All Classical Radio reaches over a million listeners online in 100+ countries around the globe. Listen at 89.9 FM in Portland or anywhere in the world at [allclassical.org](http://allclassical.org).

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