

AMYO 2026 Regulations

Orquestra do Alto Minho hereby presents the fifth edition of the Alto Minho Youth Orchestra (AMYO), which will take place between July 24th and August 1st 2026¹, in the city of Viana do Castelo. The programme of this edition will be Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 2.

This program aims to promote orchestral practice, artistic development, and personal enrichment for participants by fostering interaction among musicians, the conductor, and tutors—important musical figures both nationally and internationally—through shared experiences and learning opportunities.

Conductor, soloists and tutors

The fifth edition of AMYO will have Miguel Sepúlveda as conductor, Sílvia Sequeira (soprano) and Cláudia Ribas (mezzo-soprano) as soloists, and as tutors Ana Beatriz Manzanilla and Regina Laza (violin), Pedro Muñoz (viola), Millán Abeledo (cello), Ricardo Neto (double bass), David Silva (woodwinds), Luís Vieira (brass) and Rui Sul Gomes (percussion).

Application, Selection and Admission

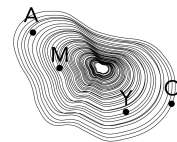
Any instrumentalist aged 16 to 28 (by December 31th, 2026) is eligible to apply for AMYO. Each candidate must audition on at least one of the following instruments: flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, french horn, trumpet, trombone, bass trombone, tuba, percussion, harp, organ, violin, viola, cello or double bass.

Applications are submitted online by completing the following form: <https://forms.gle/q3hBC979BeJ1wz9K8>.

There are two audition formats:

1. Live Auditions (registration deadline - February 1st):
 - a) February 14th and 15th : ESMAE – Escola Superior de Música de Artes e Espectáculo (Porto);
 - b) February 17th: ARTEAM – Escola Profissional Artística do Alto Minho (Viana do Castelo).
2. Video Auditions (submission deadline: February 28th): The videos must be sent to oam.amyo@gmail.com and may consist of two takes: one for the concerto/solo piece and one for the orchestral excerpts. No video editing is allowed, and candidates must follow the official audition repertoire. Percussion, harp and organ auditions will be exclusively by video.

¹ Negotiation process still ongoing regarding the possibility of an additional concert on August 2nd.



The videos must be uploaded to YouTube as an “unlisted” video. Candidates are asked to respect the following title format: “First name and surname – Instrument”, (e.g., António Carvalho - Tuba).

The results will be announced by April 2nd via the email address provided in the application form. All applicants will be notified, regardless of selection status.

Orquestra do Alto Minho is responsible for the selection of candidates.

Note: The application form can be submitted before the video. Both do not need to be sent at the same time.

Audition repertoire

The required audition repertoire is available on the official website (www.orquestradoaltominho.info) in the section “AMYO > AMYO 2026 > Inscrições/Applications > Orchestral Excerpts”.

Participation fee

After the announcement of the results and in order to secure their place in the fifth edition of the Alto Minho Youth Orchestra, selected candidates must pay a participation fee of €210 (includes accommodation and meals) or €110 (includes only meals related to the program, without accommodation).

The fee must be fully paid by June 21st. Payments can be made in instalments (upon written request to the organisation by June 14th) under the following conditions:

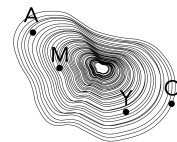
- First instalment: €95 by June 21th
- Second instalment: Remaining amount by July 5th (contact us at oam.amyo@gmail.com if additional instalments are needed).

In the event of cancellation of participation after June 21th, no refund will be issued. In the event of lack of response and/or payment of the participation fee by June 21st, the candidate’s place will be made available to the next person on the waiting list.

We encourage applicants to seek financial support from the GDA Foundation or their local municipalities to help cover the participation fee.

Accommodation, meals and venues

The AMYO organisation provides accommodation for the nine nights at the IPVC Residences – Instituto Politécnico de Viana do Castelo. Meals during the program are provided based on the chosen fee category. Rehearsals and activities will take place at Escola Profissional Artística do Alto Minho, Escola Secundária de Monserrate and Centro Cultural de Viana do Castelo.



The organisation may facilitate accommodation for participants at the same residences on the night prior to the course (July 23th), subject to payment of an additional amount to be communicated later by email. Payment for this night must be made upon the participant's arrival. All travel expenses to and from the course will be borne by the participants.

Concerts

The fifth edition of AMYO will feature three concerts on July 30th, 31th and August 1st, with the possibility of an additional concert on August 2nd (still under negotiation). Concert venues will be published in due course on social media and on the website.

Responsibility

Participants must abide by the program schedule. They are also responsible for maintaining the condition of the facilities and equipment provided during the program. Any damages caused will be the responsibility of the musician involved. On the first day of the program, all participants must sign a responsibility agreement.

Data Protection & Image Rights

As the organizing entity, the Alto Minho Orchestra is responsible for handling applicants' personal data, which will be used exclusively for AMYO management purposes. The organisation reserves the right to capture photos and videos solely for the promotion and dissemination of the Alto Minho Youth Orchestra and the Alto Minho International Choir.

Questions & Additional Information

For any questions or concerns, applicants should contact the Alto Minho Orchestra at oam.amyo@gmail.com.

Any issues not covered in this regulation will be addressed and decided by the organization.