YOLA National

2026 YOLA National Festival
Application Steps & Checklist

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

November 10, 2025	Application Opens
March 2, 2026	Priority Deadline
March 9, 2026	Final Deadline - Application close
March 16, 2026	Recommendation Due
March 30, 2026	Notification distributed to applicants
August 3 – 11, 2026	YOLA National Festival

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Students:

1. **Create a username and password** to access the submission system (https://app.getacceptd.com/login#/laphil.com/ynf). You will be able to save your application if you do not complete it all at once.
2. **Review the Personal Statement & Musical Audition Requirements.**
3. **Download the Audition Repertoire** from your active application. Practice, practice, practice!
4. **Record your Musical Audition videos**. You will be asked to submit the video files in the online application system. Videos recorded on mobile devices are perfectly acceptable. A reminder to introduce the part of the application performed in that video.
5. **Record your Personal Statement video.** You will be asked to submit the video or written file in the online application system. Videos recorded on mobile devices are perfectly acceptable.
6. **Upload a clear, high resolution, photo of yourself**. Make this headshot as professional as you possibly can!
7. **Submit your recommendation request** to your Program Director or Teaching Artist on the online application system. Be sure to talk to your recommenders in person!
8. **Review and submit your online application** and videos by March 9, 2026.

Parents/Guardians:

1. Complete and submit a Parent Consent Form at the LA Phil website and upload it into the Acceptd platform through your students' account no later than March 8, 2026.

LA Phil
GUSTAVO DUDAMEL MUSIC & ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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Program Directors/Teaching Artists Providing Recommendations:

1. Applicants will be prompted to submit an email address for their program director or primary teaching artist on the online application system. You will receive an email with instructions on how to submit your recommendation (due March 16, 2026)