

2026 Junior Division Schedule



FRIDAY – 4/17/26

Arrival & Hotel Check-in

Confirm via **TEXT** your Arrival and Hotel check-in with SPSQC director Ray Shows **(651) 587-7595**

Rehearsal space – **TBD** (St. Paul, MN 55102)

Reserve via **TEXT** requested ensemble practice space with SPSQC director Ray Shows **(651) 587-7595**

SATURDAY – 4/18/26

Ensemble check-in time at Sundin Music Hall

Sundin Music Hall at Hamline University | 1536 Hewitt Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104

- All groups should arrive at Sundin Music Hall **15 minutes** prior to the assigned warm-up time.
- Each group will have an assigned warm-up room for the duration of the competition.
- Do not leave phones, purses, wallets or other valuables unattended in these rooms.

9:00am – Warm-ups in Sundin Music Hall.

- 9:10am – Blair Quartet
- 9:25am – Huxsoll Quartet
- 9:40am – Quartet Selene
- 9:55am – Amare String Quartet
- 10:10am – Tikaani Quartet
- 10:25am – Orenda Quartet

11:00am – 2026 Saint Paul String Quartet Competition Junior Division Competition Opens

Welcome and Greeting to Participants and Audience – **Steve Seel** (Master of Ceremonies)

YING QUARTET introduced to audience and competitors

Audience Prize voting opens >>>> [SPSQC Junior Division Voting Link >>>>](#)



11:00am – HAYDN ROUND begins

Haydn Round Performances

- 11:05am – Blair Quartet
- 11:12am – Huxsoll Quartet
- 11:20am – Quartet Selene
- 11:27am – Amare String Quartet
- 11:36am – Tikaani Quartet
- 11:43am – Orenda Quartet

Winner of "Best Haydn Performance" announced after FINAL ROUND



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12:00pm – COMPOSER SPOTLIGHT ROUND begins

Performances of *Caroline Shaw: Blueprint*

- 12:00pm – Blair Quartet
- 12:10pm – Huxsoll Quartet
- 12:20pm – Quartet Selene
- 12:30pm – Amare String Quartet
- 12:40pm – Tikaani Quartet
- 12:50pm – Orenda Quartet

*Winner of "Best Caroline Shaw **Blueprint** Performance" announced after FINAL ROUND*

1:00 Lunch break for Jury members, SPSQC staff, and Participants

2026 SELECTION JURY announced, and YING QUARTET reintroduced

1:45pm – FINAL ROUND begins

Final Round Performances

- 1:50pm – Blair Quartet
- 2:02pm – Huxsoll Quartet
- 2:20pm – Quartet Selene
- Break – Approx. 5 minutes*
- 2:35pm – Amare String Quartet
- 2:52pm – Tikaani Quartet
- 3:12pm – Orenda Quartet

3:35pm Jury deliberates over scoring and results

4:00pm – Audience voting closes

4:10pm – Sponsors Recognized, Volunteers Recognized

4:20pm - Awards Announced and Awarded

- Audience Prize awarded
- Haydn Prize awarded
- Spotlight Composer Prize awarded
- Bronze Medals awarded
- Silver Medals awarded
- Gold Medals awarded

4:45pm – Group Photo & Meet & Greet with Jury

5:00pm – 2026 Saint Paul String Quartet Competition Junior Division Closes
