

QSO SIDEBYSIDE GOLD COAST 2026

Queensland Symphony Orchestra's **SidebySide** program provides instrumental music students in Queensland with 1:1 mentoring from a QSO musician and the opportunity to participate in a mainstage performance alongside the full Orchestra. The program is completely free to participants.

QSO invites students from the **Gold Coast region** to audition for the opportunity to perform alongside QSO in **Spirit of the Violin Gold Coast**, conducted by Jessica Gethin.

SPIRIT OF THE VIOLIN, GOLD COAST HOME OF THE ARTS, THU 30 APR, 7PM

Important Dates

Application timeline

- Fri 12 Dec 2025** Audition material released and applications open.
- Fri 27 Feb 2026** Closing date for applications.

Program timeline

- Thu 30 Apr 2026**
- 3.30pm–4.30pm** Tutorials with QSO Mentors.
Please note that QSO requires a designated parent/guardian to attend this tutorial.
 - 5.30pm–6.30pm** Full Orchestra rehearsal.
 - 7pm** Performance with Queensland Symphony Orchestra.

[Click here to apply.](#)

Students must be **currently enrolled in a Queensland Secondary school** and should be of a standard equivalent to **AMEB Grade 6 and above**. Applicants will be assessed on their instrument technique and demonstrated commitment. Priority will be given to older students.

QSO can accommodate one student for each of the instruments listed below, with a maximum of ten positions available.

Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, French Horn, Trumpet and Trombone.

Audition requirements

Audition excerpts are found here.

String applicants	Please prepare the provided excerpt (violins choose 1st or 2nd part) AND one piece under 3 minutes of your own choosing.
Wind applicants	Please prepare the provided excerpt AND one piece under 3 minutes of your own choosing.
Brass applicants	Please prepare the provided excerpt AND one piece under 3 minutes of your own choosing.
Recording	Auditions are to be submitted as audio recordings with the following naming convention: Lastname_FirstName_Instrument_PieceName_GoldCoast

