

KCB KALAMAZOO CONCERT BAND

2010 YOUTH SOLOIST COMPETITION

Dear Director,

Do you have outstanding high school students who might be interested in competing for a scholarship and the opportunity to perform with the Kalamazoo Concert Band? The KCB is making this opportunity available to high school wind and percussion players in the state of Michigan. The winner of the competition receives a \$1,000 scholarship and the opportunity to perform with the KCB at its annual Spring Concert at Miller Auditorium in Kalamazoo.

The Kalamazoo Concert Band, an adult ensemble, was founded in 1961. Now in its 49th season, the KCB is one of Michigan's oldest adult metropolitan bands. It has performed for the ASBDA National Convention at Interlochen, Michigan, the Midwest International Band & Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, and four times at the former Midwestern Music Conference at the University of Michigan.

High school instrumentalists throughout Michigan will soon be preparing for the MSBOA Solo & Ensemble Festivals. If you have any students who might be interested in participating in the competition, they should consider choosing a solo suited for both S/E Festival and the KCB Youth Soloist Competition.

The competition will be held in the Dalton Center (Music Building) on the campus of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo on Sunday, February 14, 2010. Solos are to be performed with a piano accompaniment (**they must provide their own accompanist**), but do not need to be memorized, and the music used **must** be the solo they would perform with the KCB if they are the winner of the Youth Soloist Competition. They will need to provide three copies of their solo (with measures numbered) for the judges. **The solo must have a band accompaniment published and currently available for the KCB to use with their performance. (The KCB will purchase, rent or borrow the accompaniment.) PLEASE HELP THEM CHECK ON THIS REQUIREMENT BEFORE THEY SELECT THEIR SOLO!**

As a music educator, would you please personally invite your best students to apply for this opportunity? Please duplicate the accompanying student letter & application form if needed, or go to the KCB web site (www.kalamazooconcertband.org) and click on "Youth Soloist Competition" to download those items. Would you also post the accompanying flyer in your room for all students to see? Any further questions or concerns should be directed to me at the following address.

Thanks very much for your help.

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