

**KALAMAZOO CONCERT BAND  
2010 YOUTH SOLOIST COMPETITION**

**REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION**

1. Any high school wind or percussion player in the state of Michigan is eligible to compete in the Youth Soloist Competition.
2. The music used should be between 3 and 8 minutes in length, and **must** be the solo you would perform with the Kalamazoo Concert Band if you are the winner of the Youth Soloist Competition. **THE SOLO MUST HAVE A BAND ACCOMPANIMENT PUBLISHED AND CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR THE KCB TO USE WITH YOUR PERFORMANCE. (The KCB will purchase, rent or borrow the accompaniment.) PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO CHECK ON THIS REQUIREMENT WITH YOUR BAND DIRECTOR OR PRIVATE LESSON INSTRUCTOR BEFORE YOU SELECT YOUR SOLO!**
3. Solos are to be performed with a piano accompaniment (**you must provide your own accompanist**), but do not need to be memorized (the solo does not have to be memorized for the concert either). You will need to provide three copies of your solo (with measures numbered) for the judges.
4. The winner needs to be available for two regular Thursday evening rehearsals with the KCB at Kalamazoo Christian High School (April 1<sup>st</sup> & 8th if possible), the Tuesday evening dress rehearsal on April 13th at Miller Auditorium on Western Michigan University's campus, and to perform at the Spring Concert on Saturday, April 17th at Miller Auditorium. In addition, the KCB Director reserves the right to edit the winner's musical selection for program length. Suitable cuts will be worked out between the director and student soloist.
5. Both a winner and a runner-up will be selected. If for any reason the winner is not able to perform with the Kalamazoo Concert Band on its April 17, 2010 Spring Concert, the runner-up will then receive the scholarship and perform with the KCB.
6. The winner and runner-up will be notified by phone the evening of the Competition. All contestants will be notified by mail of the winner and runner-up of the Competition, and will receive the judges' written comment sheets.
7. **APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE RECEIVED IN THE MAIL BY THE KCB YOUTH SOLOIST COMPETITION CHAIRMAN BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2010 AT THE ADDRESS INDICATED BELOW.**
8. Once the applications have been received, all contestants will be scheduled and notified by mail of their exact performance times for **Sunday, February 14, 2010**. The competition will be held in the Dalton Center (Music Building) on the campus of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. The competition usually begins between 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., with the Registration/Check-In desk opening about 45 minutes before the first performance. A map and directions to WMU will be included with the mailing.
9. Performances will be scheduled every 12 minutes, and a warm-up room with a piano will be available for your use. The performances will be heard by a panel of KCB judges.
10. The winner will need to provide a recent photograph and a biography for advertising purposes.

Any further questions or concerns should be directed to:

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