

**KCB** KALAMAZOO CONCERT BAND  
**2010 YOUTH SOLOIST COMPETITION**

WIN A \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP  
AND  
THE OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM A SOLO WITH THE  
KALAMAZOO CONCERT BAND

Dear Student Musician,

In 1980 the Kalamazoo Concert Band established a scholarship competition for outstanding high school wind and percussion instrumentalists. 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. Any high school wind or percussion player in the state of Michigan is eligible to compete in the competition.

The Kalamazoo Concert Band, an adult ensemble, was founded in 1961. Now in its 49<sup>th</sup> 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 might be interested in participating in the competition, you 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 (**you must provide your own accompanist**), but do not need to be memorized, and the music used **must** be the solo you would perform with the KCB if you are the winner of the Youth Soloist Competition. You will need to provide three copies of your solo (with measures numbered) for the judges. **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!**

If you are interested, please read all of the "Requirements and Information" on the back side of this letter, fill out the accompanying Application Form/Photographic and Information Release and send it in. Any further questions or concerns should be directed to:

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