



## 2017 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 Chenery Auditorium in Kalamazoo.

The Kalamazoo Concert Band, an adult ensemble, was founded in 1961. Now in its 56th season, the KCB is one of Michigan's oldest adult concert bands. It has performed for the ASBDA National Convention at Interlochen, the Midwest International Band & Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, and four times at the former Midwestern Music Conference at the University of Michigan. The KCB was one of only five bands from across the United States selected to perform at the Association of Concert Bands Convention on May 11, 2011 in Muskegon, Michigan.

**The competition will be held in the Dalton Center (Music Building) on the campus of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo on Sunday, February 19, 2017.** Solos are to be performed with a piano accompaniment but do not need to be memorized. Soloists must provide their own accompanist for the competition. The music performed for the competition must be the solo the student would perform with the KCB if they are the winner of the Youth Soloist Competition. Soloists 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 take the time to check on this requirement with your student(s) with before the competition. If your student is attending Solo and Ensemble Festival, you may want to help them select a solo suited for both activities.**

**Competitors must be available to perform with the KCB  
on the evening of Saturday, April 22, 2017.**

Would you please personally invite your best students to apply for this opportunity? You may duplicate the accompanying student letter & application form if needed, or you can go to the KCB web site, [www.kalamazooconcertband.org](http://www.kalamazooconcertband.org), and click on "Youth Soloist Competition" to download those items. Would you also please post the accompanying flier in your room for all students to see? Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

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