



2017 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 KCB 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 with a cap of \$200. Please take the time to check on this requirement with your Band Director or Private Lesson Teacher before you choose your solo! If you are participating in Solo and Ensemble Festival, you may want to choose a solo that is suited for both activities.
3. Solos are to be performed with a piano accompaniment, but do not need to be memorized for either the competition or the concert if you are chosen. You must provide your own accompanist and three copies of your solo with the measures numbered for the judges for the competition.
4. The winner needs to be available for two regular Thursday evening rehearsals with the KCB at Kalamazoo Christian High School on April 6th and April 13th and the Thursday evening dress rehearsal on April 20th at Chenery Auditorium, and to perform at the Spring Concert on Saturday, April 22nd at Chenery Auditorium. In addition, the KCB Conductor 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 22, 2017 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 after 7:00 p.m. All contestants will be notified by e-mail of the winner and runner-up of the Competition by Monday evening, and will receive the judges' written comment sheets by regular mail.
7. **APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE RECEIVED IN THE MAIL BY THE KCB YOUTH SOLOIST COMPETITION CHAIRMAN BY MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017 AT THE ADDRESS INDICATED BELOW.**
8. Once the applications have been received, all contestants will be scheduled and notified by e-mail of their exact performance times for **Sunday, February 19, 2017**. 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 & 11:00 a.m., with the Registration/Check-In desk opening about 30 minutes before the first performance. A map and directions to WMU will be included with the e-mailing. We will do everything we can do schedule your audition time around any other conflicting musical activities you may have such as KJSO rehearsal or a concert with another ensemble.
9. Performances will be scheduled every 12 minutes, and a warm-up room with a piano will be available for your use 30 minutes before your scheduled Performance Time, and must be vacated immediately following your performance. 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.
11. **Please send all application materials to Brian Shetterly, KCB, 604 Pine St., Three Rivers, MI 49093.**
12. Please direct any questions or concerns to Brian Shetterly at (269) 278-2913 or at bshetts@gmail.com.