



2024 KALAMAZOO CONCERT BAND 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 on April 13, 2024 at Chenery Auditorium in Kalamazoo.

The Kalamazoo Concert Band is an adult ensemble that was founded in 1961. Now in its 62nd 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, the Association of Concert Bands Convention and four times at the Midwestern Music Conference formerly held at the University of Michigan.

The competition will be held in the Dalton Center (Music Building) on the campus of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo on Sunday, February 4, 2024. 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) prior to 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 13, 2024.**

Would you please invite your best students to apply for this opportunity? You can use the QR code on the accompanying flier or go to the KCB YSC website, www.kalamazooconcertband.org/youth-soloist/ to either apply electronically or download and print all of the necessary application and procedural documents to be emailed or sent through U.S. Mail. **The application deadline is January 8, 2024.** 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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