



## 2022 YOUTH SOLOIST COMPETITION

Dear KJSO Wind/Percussion Member,

Congratulations on being a member of the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra. What a terrific honor to have been selected for membership in such a prestigious group. This letter is being sent to you because former KJSO wind/percussion players have successfully participated in the Kalamazoo Concert Band's Youth Soloist Competition in past years. The winner of the competition receives a \$1,000 scholarship and performs 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 60<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, the Association of Concert Bands Convention and four times at the former Midwestern Music Conference 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 6, 2022.** We will schedule your performance time so it does not conflict with KJSO activities on that day. Solos are to be performed with a piano accompaniment but do not need to be memorized. Soloists must provide their own accompanist. 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 band director or private lesson instructor before you select your solo! If you are attending Solo and Ensemble Festival, you may want to select a solo suited for both activities.**

**Competitors must be available to perform with the KCB on the evening of Saturday, April 23, 2022.**

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. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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