



2009 Young Artist Competition

Eligibility:

The Oklahoma City Symphonic Band Young Artist Competition is open to any wind player or percussionist in the 11th or 12th grade who is currently enrolled in a high school music program in the state of Oklahoma. Applicants must obtain a recommendation from his or her band director. Exceptions may be made by special request. Applications must be postmarked by January 23, 2009. A non-refundable fee of \$15 must be enclosed with the application.

Auditions:

Live auditions will be held on February 8, 2009 at Oklahoma City University. Individual audition times will be communicated after all applications are received. Memorization is not required but is recommended. Accompanists are required for the audition and are the responsibility of the participant. A panel of three including music director Dr. Mark Belcik will adjudicate auditions.

Repertoire:

Participants must perform a piece that is written or arranged for solo instrument and band accompaniment. The piece must have a readily available band accompaniment in published form. Performances may not exceed 15 minutes. It is highly recommended that participants consult their band director or private teacher when selecting an appropriate piece of music. All pieces are subject to approval by the music director. The score and parts for non-published pieces must be submitted with the application.

Prizes:

The winner will receive \$500 and an opportunity to perform his or her solo with the Oklahoma City Symphonic Band at the concert on April 20, 2009.

Winner's Responsibilities:

The winner must be able to attend rehearsals with the Oklahoma City Symphonic Band on April 7 and 14 from 7:15-9:15 pm at Southern Nazarene University and April 19 from 3-5 pm at Yukon High School. He or she must also be able to perform with the band at the concert at 7:30 pm on April 20 at Yukon High School. If the winner does not attend all rehearsals, he or she will not be allowed to perform at the concert and will forfeit the monetary prize. The winner will need to provide the band with a picture and a 100 word summary of his or her musical achievements for concert publicity.

For more information, go to www.okcband.org.

Send completed applications and fees to:

Oklahoma Concert Band Foundation, Inc.
c/o Sara Riester
P.O. Box 721406
Oklahoma City, OK 73172-1406



2009 Young Artists Competition Application

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

High School: _____ Band Director: _____

Instrument: _____

Name and Composer of Audition Piece: _____

Publisher of Audition Piece (a band accompaniment must be available):

I recommend this student for the Oklahoma City Symphonic Band 2009 Young Artists Competition.

Signature of Band Director

I give permission for my son/daughter to enter the Oklahoma City Symphonic Band 2009 Young Artists Competition. I also give my permission for my son or daughter's picture to appear in advertising for the concert and for his or her performance to be recorded.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

I have read and understand the requirements and responsibilities of participation in the Oklahoma City Symphonic Band 2009 Young Artists Competition and agree to fulfill the winner's responsibilities should I be chosen as the winner.

Signature of Applicant



September 30, 2008

Dear Music Instructor,

The Oklahoma City Symphonic Band is pleased to announce its first annual Young Artists Competition. Auditions will be held on February 8, 2009 at Oklahoma City University. Applications must be postmarked no later than January 23, 2009 and must include a non-refundable \$15 fee. Checks should be made out to the Oklahoma Concert Band Foundation.

Complete competition information is printed on the enclosed flyer, but is summarized below:

1. Eligibility: Any wind/percussion players in the 11th or 12th grades currently enrolled in a high school band program.
2. Repertoire: Performances should not exceed 15 minutes, and pieces must have a readily available band accompaniment.
3. Format: The winner will be selected from live auditions and will perform his/her piece with the Oklahoma City Symphonic Band at its concert on April 20, 2009. The winner will also receive a monetary prize of \$500. In order to receive prizes, the winner must attend all required rehearsals and performances.

Important Dates:

- ❑ January 23, 2009: Applications postmarked
- ❑ February 8, 2009: Live auditions at Oklahoma City University (time TBA)
- ❑ April 7, 2009: Rehearsal at Southern Nazarene University 7:15-9:15 pm
- ❑ April 14, 2009: Rehearsal at Southern Nazarene University 7:15-9:15 pm
- ❑ April 19, 2009: Dress rehearsal at Yukon High School 3-5 pm
- ❑ April 20, 2009: Performance at Yukon High School 7:30 pm

Thank you for your interest. For more information, go to www.okcband.org. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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