



2017 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 currently enrolled in a high school or home school music program in the state of Oklahoma. Applicants must obtain a recommendation from his or her music director. Exceptions may be made by special request. Applications must be postmarked by February 13, 2017. A non-refundable fee of \$15 payable to the Oklahoma Concert Band Foundation must be enclosed with the application.

Auditions:

Auditions will be held on February 19, 2017 at 2PM 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 judges including music director Dr. Mark Belcik will adjudicate auditions.

Repertoire:

Participants must perform a piece that is written or arranged for solo instrument with 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 the opportunity to perform his or her solo in concert with the Oklahoma City Symphonic Band on April 27, 2017.

Winner's Responsibilities:

The winner must be able to attend rehearsals with the Oklahoma City Symphonic Band on April 11 and April 18 from 7:15-9:15 pm at John Marshall HS and April 25 starting at 6:30pm at Yukon Fine Arts Center. He or she must also be able to perform with the band in concert at 7:30 pm on April 27th at the Yukon Fine Arts Center. 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 is required 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 or contact Sharon Kieklak (email: skieklak@hotmail.com). Send completed applications and fees to:

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