



VENTO Winds High School Concerto Competition 2022-23 Information

What is the Concerto Competition?

VENTO Winds has a deep commitment to both music education and community outreach. In support of this commitment, this season, VENTO Winds will host its annual **Concerto Competition** – an opportunity for interested high school students to prepare, compete and ultimately perform with VENTO Winds. This program provides a variety of valuable experiences for student musicians, including literature review and selection, audition preparation, competitive performance, and – for the winner – an opportunity to perform at a live, public concert with an accomplished group of dedicated, high-level musicians.

Who is the Concerto Competition for?

The competition is open to performers in grades **9-12** of wind, brass, percussion instruments, and keyboard.

When is the Concerto Competition?

- Auditions will be held Saturday, January 28, 2023
- Winner(s) will perform with VENTO Winds on **Sunday, March 19, 2023, at 4pm**

What music can be selected for the Concerto Competition?

- Musical selections should be chosen carefully. The most successful pieces come from the standard repertoire for each instrument.
- The composition **must have** wind band parts readily available from a publisher. Consideration of a winner will include the availability and expense of performance parts.
- The judges and music director reserve the right to disqualify a contestant on the basis of a selection that is not suitable for this competition.
- The composition must be for solo instrument. Duets will be accepted at the discretion of the Concerto Competition Committee.
- Students must audition on the composition they intend to perform with VENTO Winds.
- Contact Music Director Andrew Mast (andrew.mast@lawrence.edu) with questions regarding repertoire.

What are some details for the Audition?

- Live auditions will be held on **Saturday, January 28, 2023, at Lawrence University, 9am-noon**. Audition times will be emailed to applicants by Monday, January 23, 2023.
- All finalists are required to perform by memory.
- Participants **MUST** have an accompanist for their audition. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- On the day of the audition, the soloist must meet performance standards, regardless of the length or difficulty of the composition.
- The entire movement or solo must be performed (time limit of 15 minutes.)
- Judges must be provided with three (3) copies of the music to be performed.
- The decision of the judges is **FINAL**. Judges reserve the right not to select a winner.
- Winner(s) will be notified via email upon completion of all auditions.
- Winner(s) will perform with VENTO Winds on **Sunday, March 19, 2023, at 4pm**, and should be available for rehearsals **Sunday, February 26, March 5, and March 12, 2023, from 6-8:30pm**.
- Professional dress is encouraged but not required.

How do I apply?

Applications **must be postmarked by Friday, January 20, 2023**, and must include the following:

- Completed application form
- Non-refundable fee of \$25 made out to VENTO Winds
(*mailing address is located at the bottom of the Application Form*)