

Competition for Grades 6 - 12

Performance Critique,

Clinic, Winners Recital

For Instrumentalists and Ensembles (Piano, Voice, Strings, Woodwinds, Brass)



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Lawrence Conservatory of Music

Applications must be postmarked by January 12, 2024. Registration form found online at FVMTA.org website or use the QR code above.

Purpose

- → Offer young local students a concerto, solo or ensemble performance experience.
- → Provide audition experience for scholarships or soloist placement.
- → Support application to Music Schools.
- → Provide experience in competition preparation and performance.

- → Provide experience in deeper listening and teamwork.
- → Develop camaraderie.

Judging Criteria

- → Musicality
- → Ensemble
- → Technique
- → Stage Presence, Attire and Etiquette
- \rightarrow Small and Large ensemble judging focuses on youth members in grades 6 12.
- \rightarrow Decisions by judges are final.
 - A judge may decide there is no winner.

Schedule of the Day

- → <u>Competitions</u>: 8:00am 11:00am
- → <u>Clinic & Announcement of Winners</u>: 11:00am 12:00pm
- → Winners Recital: 12:00pm 1:00pm

Prizes

- → Piano Concerto, String, Vocal, Woodwind and Brass Competitions:
 - 1st Place: \$75 and \$25 Heid Music gift certificate for each division.
 - ◆ 2nd Place: \$25 and \$25 Heid Music gift certificate for each division
- → <u>Small Ensemble Competition:</u>
 - ♦ 1st Place: \$100
 - ◆ 2nd Place: \$75
- → Large Ensemble Competition:
 - ◆ 1st Place: \$125
 - ◆ 2nd Place: \$100
 - Checks go to Director

Rules

- → <u>Residency</u>: Entrant or teacher must live in Brown, Calumet, Fond du Lac, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca or Winnebago counties in WI.
- → Entry Fees: (non-refundable)
 - Solo: \$20 FVMTA teacher; \$30 non-member
 - Small Ensemble (2-6): \$20 for 2; \$30 for 3-6
 - ◆ Large Ensemble (7-25): \$50
- → <u>Music Selection</u>:
 - 10 minute length maximum.
 - Any cuts must preserve essential sections.
 - Cadenza, if present, must be played.
 - Contestants must provide an original score for judges with all cuts clearly marked and measures numbered. No photocopies!
 - Acoustic instruments only.
 - Orchestral reduction (piano accompaniment) required and contestant responsible for finding accompanist.
 - Pop genre selections not accepted.
 - Music theater selections are acceptable.
 - **Memorization required** EXCEPT for Woodwind, Brass and Ensemble contestants.
 - ◆ 1st Place Winners and their accompanists perform early in the afternoon.
 - 2nd Place Winners may also perform if time allows.
 - Previous 1st Place Winners must wait one year before applying again in the same grade division.
- → Ensemble Rules:
 - Ensemble groups may use director's arrangements and substitute instruments.
 - Previous ensemble winners may compete again in an ensemble differing in instruments or form.
 - Unique opportunity to play with family (any relative is eligible).
 - A professional accompanist is acceptable for vocal duets and groups.
 - If piano is integral to the ensemble, the pianist must be a student or family member.
 - List ensemble members online using FVMTA.org website or: <u>https://pdf.ac/StuTp</u>