FVMTA
FOX VALLEY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Young Artist Festival 2027

Competitions for Grades 6 - 12

Performance Critique, Clinic, Winners Recital

For Instrumentalists, Vocalists and Ensembles:
Piano Concertos [Grades 6-8 & 9-12]

String Solos [Grades 6-8], String Concertos [Grade 9-12]

Vocalists [Grades 8-10 & 10-12]

Ensembles: 2-6 instruments and/or voices [Grades 6-8 & 9-12]

February 13, 2027

Lawrence Conservatory of Music
Lawrence University
420 E. College Ave.Appleton, WI 54911

Judging Criteria

- ➔ Musicality
- ➔ Ensemble
- ➔ Technique
- ➔ Stage Presence, Attire and Etiquette
- ➔ Ensemble judging focuses on members in grades 6 - 12.
- ➔ Decisions by judges are final.
    - ◆ A judge may decide there is no winner

Rules

- ➔ Instrumental and Vocal Music Selection Rules:
    - ◆ Acoustic instruments only.
    - ◆ 10 minute length maximum. **Instrumentalists, one or more movements; Vocalists, two contrasting styles.**
    - ◆ 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!**
    - ◆ Orchestral reduction (piano accompaniment) required. Contestant is responsible for finding an accompanist.
    - ◆ Pop genre selections not accepted.
    - ◆ **Memorization required** for concertos and solos.
- ➔ Ensemble Rules:
    - ◆ Memorization **NOT** required.
    - ◆ Ensemble groups may use director's arrangements and substitute instruments.
    - ◆ Music Theater selections are acceptable.
    - ◆ Friends and family encouraged to participate!
    - ◆ Only student accompanists can be critiqued. (No critiques of teachers.)

Cash Prizes & Winner's Recital:

	Grades 6-8	**Grades 9-12**
Solo	1st: $75 2nd: $25	1st: $125 2nd: $75
Ensemble	1st: $100 2nd: $50	1st: $150 2nd:$75
	Grades 8-10	**Grades 10-12**
Vocalists	1st: $75 2nd: $25	1st: $125 2nd: $75
1st place winners & accompanists perform in the Winner's Recital. *2nd place winners may perform if time allows.*		

Schedule of the Day:

- ➔ Competitions: 8:00am - 11:00am
- ➔ Clinic & Announcement of Winners: 11:00am - 12:00pm
- ➔ Winners Recital: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Eligibility:

- ➔ Residency: Entrant or teacher must live in Brown, Calumet, Door, Fond du Lac, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca or Winnebago counties in WI.
- ➔ Entry Fees: (non-refundable)
  - ◆ **Solo:** $25 FVMTA teacher; $35 non-member
  - ◆ **Ensemble (2-6 members):** $25 for 2; $35 for 3-6

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 or Camps.
- ➔ Provide experience in competition preparation and performance.
- ➔ Provide experience in deeper listening and teamwork.
- ➔ Develop camaraderie.

News, Resources & Application Information:

Applications must be postmarked by January 15, 2027.
See QR code for news & application forms.

URL: https://www.fvmta.org/young-artist-festival-2027.html