2027 YOUTH SOLOIST COMPETITION

WIN A $2,000 SCHOLARSHIP AND
THE OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM A SOLO WITH THE
KALAMAZOO CONCERT BAND

Dear Student Musician,

In 1980 the Kalamazoo Concert Band established a scholarship competition for outstanding high school wind and percussion instrumentalists. The winner of the competition receives a $2,000 scholarship and the opportunity to perform with the KCB at its annual Spring Concert on Sunday April 18, 2027 at Chenery Auditorium in Kalamazoo. Any high school wind or percussion player in the state of Michigan is eligible to compete in the competition.

The Kalamazoo Concert Band is an adult ensemble that was founded in 1961. Now in its 65th season, the KCB is one of Michigan's oldest adult concert bands. It has performed for the ASBDA National Convention at Interlochen, the Midwest International Band & Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, the Association of Concert Bands Convention and four times at the Michigan Music Conference formerly held at the University of Michigan.

The competition will be held in the Dalton Center (Music Building) on the campus of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo on Sunday, February 7, 2027. Solos are to be performed with a piano accompaniment but **do not** need to be memorized. Soloists must provide their own accompanist for the competition. The music performed for the competition must be the solo the student would perform with the KCB if they are the winner of the Youth Soloist Competition. Soloists will need to provide three copies of their solo with measures numbered for the judges. **The solo must have a BAND accompaniment published and currently available for the KCB to use with their performance. The KCB will purchase, rent or borrow the accompaniment. Please take the time to check on this requirement with your band director or private lesson instructor before you select your solo! If you are attending Solo and Ensemble Festival, you may want to select a solo suited for both activities.**

Competitors must be available to perform with the KCB on the afternoon of Sunday, April 18, 2027

If you are interested, please thoroughly read the "Requirements and Information" and fill out the Application Form and Photographic and Information Release Form and send it in. You may submit your application material either by U.S. Mail, electronically on our website (www.kalamazooconcertband.org/youth-soloist/), or you can email it to the address listed below. **The application deadline is January 11, 2027.** Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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