

DAYTON PERFORMING ARTS ALLIANCE



# David L. Pierson Annual Young Musicians' Concerto Competition

Saturday, May 11, 2024  
Kettering Fairmont High School



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### Purpose

To identify outstanding talented musicians in the greater Dayton Metropolitan and surrounding areas; to encourage young, talented musicians to pursue further study; and to stimulate competition among area musicians. The winner will have the opportunity to perform at a DPAA Learning Programs Concert in the 2024 - 2025 season.

### Eligibility

The competition is open to area high school and homeschool students who will be in grades 10 - 12 during the 2024 - 2025 academic year.

- Each contestant must have the recommendation of their private and school music teacher, as applicable.
- Each contestant must be a member of a high school music group (band or orchestra) and remain a member of this group during the 2024-2025 academic year.
  - Note: Exceptions are made for piano/harp students for whom there are limited opportunities for performance, as well as home school students or those from schools where there are no such music groups.
- First-place winners from previous competitions may not enter again.
- Contestants may audition on any orchestral instrument, including piano.
- Contestants must be a legal resident of the state of Ohio. Exceptions to this requirement may be made for contestants who are members of Dayton Philharmonic Youth Orchestras or students of Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra musicians.

### Standards

Contestants will be judged to the highest artistic standards. Distinguished area musicians have been selected to judge the preliminary competition and Artistic Director Neal Gittleman will judge the final competition. Decisions of the judges are final.

### General Information

The preliminary round will take place the morning of May 11, 2024. Contestants will be notified of the exact time of his/her/their audition about five days prior to May 11. The contestant must report to Kettering Fairmont HS at least 30 minutes before audition time in order to check-in. Warm-up space will be available. Only contestants and their pianists will be admitted to the rehearsal and preliminary audition room. Three finalists will be announced immediately following the preliminary round.

Contestants and their pianists must be available for the final round around 12:00 pm. The final round will be open to the public and judged by Neal Gittleman, Artistic Director of the Dayton Philharmonic.

### Repertoire

Each contestant should select a composition for solo instrument and orchestra from the orchestral repertoire appropriate to his/her/their instrument. The audition selection must be memorized, and each contestant must provide the judges with an original copy of the composition with measure numbers marked. The repertoire selection should be not less than 3 minutes or more than 8 minutes in length. Only one movement of a concerto is required and if the movement is more than 8 minutes, the winner may be required to make cuts for performance. Collaborative pianist is required; each contestant must arrange for their own pianist.

### Awards

If, in the Artistic Director's opinion, a winner should be chosen, that person will receive a \$500 prize and will perform at a Learning Programs Concert during the 2024-2025 season. Second and third-place winners will receive \$200 and \$100 awards, respectively.

### Fee

A check for \$50 must be included with the contestant's application. Should the application be rejected for any reason, the fee will be refunded. If a contestant withdraws from the competition for any reason after submitting their application, the fee will be retained by the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance.

### Application Deadline

Contestants wishing to enter this competition should complete the application form by April 26 at <https://www.cognitofrms.com/DPAAEducation/DavidLPiersonYoungMusiciansConcertoCompetition2024>

The \$50 application fee can be [paid online](#) or mailed to the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance, 126 N. Main St, Suite 210, Dayton OH 45402. Checks can be made out to "DPAA" with the memo line stating, 'Concerto Competition - Applicant's Name.'

Application and fee must be received no later than April 26, 2024.

### Questions?

Contact [education@daytonperformingarts.org](mailto:education@daytonperformingarts.org)  
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