



HOLYOKE CIVIC SYMPHONY

The 2022 - 2023 *THOMAS SCHWAB MEMORIAL* **Student Concerto Competition**

OPEN TO STUDENTS in grades 9 through 12 who live in Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin or Berkshire counties in Western Mass. Holyoke Civic Symphony, a nonprofit, has provided quality orchestral music in the Pioneer Valley for more than 50 years. Its members include amateur and professional musicians. HCS and Music Director David Kidwell are committed to the development of young musicians.

This biennial competition is planned next for the 2024-2025 concert season.

*** Applications must be received by December 17, 2022.**

*** Auditions are on Saturday, January 14, 2023 with raindate on January 21, 2023 at Holyoke Community College, 303 Homestead Avenue in Holyoke.**

*** The winner receives a \$200 award and is invited to perform with the Holyoke Civic Symphony on May 7, 2023.**

REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must bring a prepared piece for solo instrument/voice with orchestral accompaniment.

If a multi-movement work is selected, please choose a single movement to play at the audition.

Applicant will be expected to perform the entire work for the concert.

All auditioners must be accompanied by their own accompanist.

INFORMATION: Call Emily Lewis at 413-256-1760 or email: dkidwell22@gmail.com

APPLICATION

Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

E-Mail address _____ Grade _____

School Name / Address _____

Instrument _____ Orchestra or Band Director _____

Private Lesson Teacher _____ Phone _____

Teacher's Email _____

Selection to be performed _____

Date _____ Signature _____

**PLEASE MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: David Kidwell
Holyoke Civic Symphony 303 Homestead Ave. Holyoke, MA 01040**



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REPERTOIRE GUIDELINES

Selection of a piece for the competition is an important and difficult decision.

Please go over these guidelines carefully with your private teacher and feel free

to contact me HCS Music Director at dkidwell22@gmail.com

or call our business manager Emily Lewis at 413-256-1760 if you have questions.

- David Kidwell, Music Director

- The students must supply their own accompanist. Piano applicants must also supply an accompanist (two pianos will be available).
- The orchestral accompaniment must be scored for a reasonable-sized orchestra. Please be aware that pieces which are overly difficult or call for an extremely large orchestra are not practical for the Holyoke Civic Symphony. If in doubt, please contact the HCS music director.
- Many concertos require a great deal of artistic maturity to perform well. Please carefully consider pieces with your teacher.
- In past seasons, the orchestra has performed the following works for soloist and orchestra: piano concertos by Grieg, Mozart (23rd) Prokofiev (3rd), Rachmaninoff (2nd), Schumann, and Tchaikovsky (1st), as well as Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue and Concerto in F; violin concertos by Bach (A minor and D minor), Beethoven, Bruch (1st), as well as the Vaughan Williams Lark Ascending, and Lalo Symphonie Espagnol; the Dvorak and Elgar Cello Concertos and the Bruch Kol Nidrei and Faure Elegy; the Chaminade Concertino for flute and the Mozart Flute Concerto No. 1; the Hummel Trumpet Concerto; the Mozart Bassoon Concerto; Barber's Knoxville and Berlioz' Le Nuits for voice; Milhaud's Scaramouche for saxophone, and the Vivaldi Oboe Concerto F. VII No. 1.

All works must be approved by the HCS music director prior to auditions.

Please contact the music director as soon as possible in case an alternate selection must be made.