

Holland Symphony Orchestra
Norbert Mueller Memorial Concerto Competition
Saturday, January 8, 2022

Eligibility: Contestants must be currently enrolled students at one of these area high schools (9th-12th grade): Holland Public, Holland Christian, Holland Black River, West Ottawa, Zeeland, Hamilton, Saugatuck, or Grand Haven or any current member of Holland Symphony Youth Orchestras. High school aged home-schooled students living in the above school districts are also eligible. A regular high school aged student of any current Holland Symphony Orchestra member (regardless of geographic area) is eligible. All instruments including piano are eligible. Ordinarily, the previous year's winner is ineligible for the following year and may audition a second time after a one-year absence. Since HSO cancelled all concerts last season and the 2021 winner was unable to perform, that person is eligible to participate in 2022, assuming he/she meets other eligibility requirements. Each entry will have a \$25.00 application fee.

Repertoire: The choice of music is up to the contestant but must have an orchestral accompaniment available to HSO and a rental fee of \$250.00 or less. If in doubt, please check availability and/or cost of orchestral accompaniment by contacting the orchestra office (hso@hollandsymphony.org) ahead of your picking a concerto. (If accompaniment rental is above \$250, the remaining cost will be the responsibility of the contestant.) Any standard work for solo and orchestra or movement of a standard concerto is acceptable, and it must have a total playing time of between 5-15 minutes. The work must be performed by memory, and the contestants must provide their own accompanist for the audition. (Please note that both upper and lower time limits will be strictly observed. If longer than the time allotted, please make the necessary cuts to comply.)

Audition time: Contestants will be notified by December 31st of their competition time. The competition will begin at 1:00 PM and will be held in the recital hall at the Jack H. Miller Performing Arts Center at Hope College. Audition times will be randomly selected and are not negotiable. Contestants arriving after their scheduled audition time may be disqualified. The competition will be open to the public, but this may change due to COVID-19 conditions. Masks will be required for all participants and audience members. This is a Hope College mandate. The participant will perform for a professional videographer and three in-person judges. No personal videos are allowed.

Awards: The winner will receive \$500.00 and will perform with the Holland Symphony Orchestra, if possible, on a concert TBD in spring or summer, 2021. The winner will be asked to participate in an on-stage interview with the conductor and will need to sign a release for marketing materials. The second-place winner will receive \$250.00 and the third place winner will receive \$150.00.

Minimum number of participants: HSO will only run the concerto competition if five or more students are participating.

(over for additional information)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 15

Norbert Mueller Memorial Concerto Competition Application

Name _____ Grade _____ Instrument _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ Zip _____ School _____

Home phone _____ Teacher's Signature _____

Accompanist _____ Time - length of piece _____

Competition Piece (list composer, complete title and movement name & number) _____

Media Release

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Mail application and payment: Holland Symphony Orchestra, PO Box 2685, Holland, MI 49422-2685 by December 15. Applications may be submitted online at www.hollandsymphony.org under Education tab.