



## Marjorie Smith Concerto Competition Guidelines: 2023-2024

**Eligibility:** A contestant must be a member of the Huntsville Youth Symphony or the Sinfonia, twelfth grade or below, in good standing. The contestant must complete all required application components prior to the deadlines. A student may win this competition only once during their years in the HYO.

### **Important Dates:**

- **February 26:** Deadline to receive approval for repertoire sections by the Music Director
- **March 18:** Completed Applications Due (including all needed signatures and fee)
- **March 23:** Concerto Competition, 10am-12pm @ Sandra Moon Complex

**Applications & Fees:** An audition fee of \$15 (cash or check) per student shall be submitted with the application. Completed applications can be given to the Executive Director or Executive Assistant at rehearsal or emailed to the Executive Director. The applicant's private instructor, HYO Music Director, and parent or guardian must sign the application. Please plan accordingly to receive all required signatures prior to the deadline. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Executive Director, Taylor Barlow ([hyo.exdir@gmail.com](mailto:hyo.exdir@gmail.com)); Executive Assistant, Dancy Fox ([hyoassistance@gmail.com](mailto:hyoassistance@gmail.com)); or Music Director, Joseph Lee ([hyoconductor@hotmail.com](mailto:hyoconductor@hotmail.com)).

**Adjudication:** Judge(s) will be drawn from prominent regional musicians. Contestants will be judged on tone, appropriate difficulty, rhythm, style, execution, memory, and musicianship. Judges will select one winner and a runner-up. Judges have the right to select no winners if they choose.

**Repertoire & Competition Requirements:** The selection to be performed must have an orchestration available. All contestants must have their repertoire selection approved by the Music Director prior to **Monday, February 26**.

- The competition repertoire must be memorized and performed with an accompanist. Contestants are responsible for providing their own accompanist for the audition. A list of accompanists is available if requested.
- If the cost to purchase or rent the music of the winning piece exceeds \$400, the student will be responsible for the difference.
- Duration of the repertoire selection must not exceed eight minutes including any accompaniment, such as an introduction, when the soloist isn't playing. Auditions will be timed, and contestants will be disqualified if the piece exceeds the time limit. Cuts to the music must be approved in advance by the Music Director.
- contestants shall supply two good quality copies or originals, of the music to be performed to the judges. Measures should be numbered, and copy should be in a binder or taped.

**Attire:** Contestants should wear nice clothing for this audition. Jeans are **NOT** recommended! HYO concert attire is appropriate, as are nice slacks, shirt and tie for males, and dress pants and blouse or dress or skirt with blouse for females.

**If Selected:** The winning student will perform with the Huntsville Youth Symphony at the **Spring Concert at 3pm on Sunday, May 19 at Trinity UMC**. If the winner is in Sinfonia, they will need to attend select rehearsals with the Huntsville Youth Symphony a few weeks leading up to the concert. Winners will receive \$100.



# Majorie J. Smith Concerto Competition

Application

## Contact Information

Contestant's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Played: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Private Music Instructor First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Private Instructor Email and/or Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Program Information

Complete Title of Selected Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Movement Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Composer: \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanist Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the rules of this competition and hereby grant the HYO permission, if I am chosen as the winner, to post online (website & social media).

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Private Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanist Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_