

# DEXTER COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA



## Youth Artist Competition

The Dexter Community Orchestra is holding its annual Youth Artist Competition Finals on **March 8, 2020**. The winner will receive a \$400 prize and will solo with the orchestra on **May 16, 2020**. Interested students must complete an application and submit it with the application fee and an unedited audio-only recording (Please see Application Guidelines below). **The application deadline is January 18, 2020**. A committee from the orchestra will listen to the recordings and select qualified finalists who will then audition in person on **Sunday, March 8, 2020**. All applicants will be notified whether they made the finals by **February 16, 2020**. In the weeks following notification, finalists will be assigned audition times and given directions to the site where finals will be held.

### Application Guidelines

1. The competition is open to all piano, band, orchestra and vocal students in grades 6 through 12. This includes public, private and home-schooled students from all 50 states. Past winners are ineligible.
2. Total performance time (excluding tutti-only sections) shall not exceed 15 minutes.
3. Musical selections **must** have an orchestral accompaniment available for either purchase or rental.
4. All recordings **must** be submitted with accompaniment.
5. All recordings **must** be unedited and submitted with no cuts except in tutti-only sections.
6. Recordings must be submitted in **audio-only formats**. Please do *not* include any meta data in submitted files. Please do *not* state your name or any other identifying information on the recordings. Please DO write your name on the CD/zip drive or supply your name in the subject line of any electronic submission.
7. Recordings may be submitted via the US Postal Service on CD or zip drive. They may also be emailed to, or uploaded and shared with, [dcoyouthartist@gmail.com](mailto:dcoyouthartist@gmail.com).
8. Please **print** when completing the application and be sure to supply a valid and **legible** email address.
9. Mail the completed application along with an unedited audio recording and the \$10 application fee (cash or check made out to "Dexter Community Orchestra") to *DCO Youth Artist Competition, P.O. Box 331, Dexter, Michigan 48130*. Completed applications may also be scanned, uploaded and sent to [dcoyouthartist@gmail.com](mailto:dcoyouthartist@gmail.com). Likewise, the \$10.00 application fee may be submitted via PayPal using the **DONATE** link found at <https://www.dextercommunityorchestra.org/support.html>.
10. DO NOT send materials to Dexter High School and please retain a copy of this application for your information.
- 11 Applications must be postmarked/date stamped no later than **January 18, 2020**. Any electronically submitted applications and recordings must be received by midnight on **January 18, 2020**.
12. If you are chosen to advance to the FINALS round, you must provide your own accompanist and supply the adjudication panel with three hard copies of your solo part (sheet music). Sound and video recordings are forbidden during the finals competition on **March 8, 2020**.

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**Please complete the application below and return it via email or in the mail with your application fee and your recording.**



**Dexter Community Orchestra Youth Artist Competition Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ School Music Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

City & State: \_\_\_\_\_ Private Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Piece: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Composer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note that you do not need to submit your application, recording and payment together; however, please be sure to put your name on any recording and your name in a memo line if paying by check or in a comments area if paying online via PayPal.**

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