



Youth Artist Competition
Saturday, March 10, 2018

The Dexter Community Orchestra is holding its annual Youth Artist Competition Finals on **March 10, 2018**. The winner will receive a \$400 prize and will solo with the orchestra on **May 6, 2018**. Interested students must complete an application and submit it with the application fee and an unedited audio recording (Please see Application Guidelines below). The application deadline is **January 15, 2018**. A committee from the orchestra will listen to the recordings and select qualified finalists who will then audition in person on **Saturday, March 10**. All applicants will be notified whether they made the final cut by **February 20** and finalists will be given directions to the site and a performance time.

Application Guidelines:

1. The competition is open to all middle school and high school piano, band, orchestra and vocal students who reside in the school districts of Dexter, Whitmore Lake, Ann Arbor, Saline, Chelsea, Manchester, Pinckney, Milan, South Lyon, Brighton, Ypsilanti/Lincoln Consolidated Schools and Tecumseh. This includes public, private, and home-schooled students.
2. Total performance time shall not exceed 15 minutes.
3. Musical selections must have an orchestral accompaniment available for either purchase or rental.
4. Each applicant must provide his or her own accompanist.
5. Finalists must provide three hard copies of their solo parts (sheet music) for the adjudication panel.
6. Please print when completing the application and be sure to supply a valid email address.
7. Mail the completed application along with an unedited audio recording (VIDEO RECORDINGS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE) 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*. DO NOT send materials to Dexter High School. Remember to retain the portion of the application above the dotted line for your information. Applications must be postmarked no later than **January 15, 2018**.
8. Past winners are ineligible.
9. Sound and video recordings are forbidden during the finals competition.

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| Name: _____ | Instrument: _____ |
| Address: _____ | School Music Teacher: _____ |
| City: _____ | Private Teacher: _____ |
| Zip Code: _____ | Piece: _____ |
| Phone: (____) _____ | Composer: _____ |
| Email: _____ | Accompanist: _____ |
| Date of Birth: _____ | Parent Signature: _____ |
| Grade Level: _____ | Student Signature: _____ |