



KITCHENER WATERLOO  
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## STUDENT CONCERTO COMPETITION

For Instrumentalist & Voice Competitors

### Rules and Regulations

Competition Date: Saturday February 6, 2027

Location: Knox Waterloo (50 Erb West, Waterloo)

Dress rehearsal: April 17, 2027

**Performance Date: April 18, 2027**

- Eligible instruments include all instruments and voice. Only **FULL TIME** students are eligible to compete in the competition. "Junior" competitors are high school age and younger, while the "Open" class is for any full time student of any age. Previous first place Junior winners must compete in the Open class. Previous first place Open winners are not eligible to compete.
- For Chosen Repertoire, include the Composer's name and full title (two contrasting selections for voice applicants, single movement for junior instrumental applicants, and full concerto for senior instrumental applicants). The repertoire must not exceed 2222 2200 timp strings. In order to find information concerning the publisher and instrumentation on your chosen piece, you can look at search engines like IMSLP and [zinfonia.com](http://zinfonia.com). If you are unsure of the instrumentation of your concerto, please email us at [info@kwchamberorchestra.ca](mailto:info@kwchamberorchestra.ca).
- A list of repertoire can be found on our website - this is not an exclusive list - just a number of works that do fit our instrumentation. You are allowed to compete with any piece that fits 2222 2200 timp strings.

- Live piano accompaniment is required for the competition. Accompanists are not provided; if you need assistance finding an accompanist for the competition, please email us at [info@kwchamberorchestra.ca](mailto:info@kwchamberorchestra.ca)
- Memorization is **not** required. Memorization will not improve your chances of winning.
- First place winners **must** perform. All other performers (including 2nd and 3rd place winners) are chosen at the music director's discretion, and are not guaranteed.
- All first place winners, and other competitors chosen at the music director's discretion **must** be available to perform their chosen repertoire in concert with the Kitchener-Waterloo Chamber Orchestra on Sunday April 18, 2027 (3:00pm), as well as attend the dress rehearsal on Saturday April 17, 2027 (9:30am-12:00pm), and one or more evening rehearsals (date and time TBA).
- All cash prizes will be awarded following the concert performance on April 18th, and for those chosen to perform, the cash prize is contingent upon this performance. Should you miss your scheduled rehearsal or the dress rehearsal, you may be asked to not perform at the concert – in which case the cash prize will not be awarded.
- You are expected to perform your chosen repertoire exactly as specified on the application; any changes to your competition repertoire must be approved in advance of the competition.
- The panel reserves the right to cancel any class that does not receive a minimum of three applicants. Applicants will be notified of any class cancellation by January 15, 2027.
- You will receive your competition time by February 1st, 2027.

If you have any questions, please email us at [info@kwchamberorchestra.ca](mailto:info@kwchamberorchestra.ca)