



MERRILL JONES MEMORIAL Young Composers Band Composition Contest

- Who May Enter:** Anyone 40 years of age or younger (birthdate on or before November 1, 1984)
- Requirements:** A work for concert band with no restrictions as to style or form. Compositions must be for GRADE III/IV CONCERT BAND and must not exceed eight (8) minutes in length.
- Entry Materials:** Full score and MP3 audio file
- Award:** \$2,000
- Entry Deadline:** November 1, 2024
- Entry Forms & Information:** Matt Smith, Interim Director of Bands (maosmith@ku.edu)
University of Kansas
124 Murphy Hall
1530 Naismith Drive
Lawrence, KS 66045
Attn: NBA/Merrill Jones Composition Contest

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Application

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Birthplace: _____ Date of Birth: _____
City State Country

Composition Title: _____

1. This contest is open to anyone regardless of color, national origin, or religious belief, born on or after November 1, 1984.
2. Submissions should be sent via email and must include the completed application form, mp3 audio file, and PDF of the full score.
3. The mp3 audio file must be of good quality and performed by the specific instrumentation indicated in the score. MIDI/synthesizer recordings will not be accepted.
4. The composer's name MAY NOT appear on the score or recording (MP3 audio file). Any entry received with the composer's name on the score or audio file will not be accepted for evaluation. The audio file should be identified by title only.
5. Entries must be the original and unpublished concert band work of the composer. Compositions under rental contract from a music publisher CANNOT be submitted.
6. Wingert Jones Music, Inc. will have exclusive right of first refusal for publication of the winning composition.
7. There are no restrictions as to style or form. Compositions must be for Grade III/IV Concert Band and must not exceed eight (8) minutes in length.
8. Only one entry per composer may be submitted.
9. Entries must be received by November 1, 2024.
10. The decision of the contest committee will be final and no correspondence may be entered into regarding the award. Should the committee consider none of the submitted compositions to be meritorious, a "no prize" decision will be rendered.
11. The winning composer will be required to furnish a sufficient number of free of error and legible parts to accommodate the specified instrumentation.
12. The winning composer will receive a \$2,000 cash award.
13. All performance, copyright, and royalty rights remain with the composer unless an agreement is reached with Wingert Jones Music, Inc.
14. Composers will be notified of the contest committee's decision as soon as possible following the close of the contest. The official announcement of the winner will take place at the NBA General Membership Meeting at the Midwest Clinic in Chicago.
15. Materials will not be returned.
16. Composers should send their entries and direct inquiries to the chair of the committee.

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