The University of Missouri - St. Louis Department of Music is pleased to announce the 8th Annual UMSL Concerto Competition. Open to high school students from participating states in the Midwest Student Exchange Program*, the winner will perform as soloist with the UMSL Orchestra.

Qualifications/Eligibility

- Musician must be a high school student or home school equivalent.
- Open to orchestral or band instruments, piano and voice.

Preliminary Round

- Online only. Submit up to 10 min of music (with accompanimental cuts) on YouTube or Dropbox.
- Musician must submit his/her completed application with video by Sunday, November 1, 2015.
- Applications and videos will be reviewed by the Concerto Competition Committee*
- Results will be announced via email by Sunday, November 8.

Final Round

- **Friday, November 20, 2015** 7-9pm in the Touhill PAC, Lee Theater. Times will be assigned in mid-November.
- The final round is open to the public.

Requirements

- The musician and his/her applied teacher must select a movement of a concerto with readily available orchestral parts.
- The selected concerto will be approved by the Concerto Competition committee. Reasons a concerto may not be approved for the competition include:
  - Availability of orchestra parts
  - Cost of music rental
- Memorization of the piece is required in the final round.
- The musician is responsible for securing an accompanist for the competition. Live piano accompaniment is required.
- The musician is responsible for supplying the judges with three copies of the score. Copies are acceptable.
- **The deadline to enter the competition is Sunday, November 1.**
Results

- One winner will be selected by a panel of three judges of highly regarded professional musicians and educators, to be named at a later time.
- The results will be announced the evening of the final round, after the judges’ deliberation.
- The winner will perform their concerto movement with the UMSL Orchestra or Band on a spring concert in the Touhill Performing Arts Center Lee Theater.
- The judge’s written evaluations will be available to contestants the evening of the competition.

*Residents of Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP) member states receive 150% of resident college tuition rates, a significant savings compared to out-of-state tuition rates. The following states are members: Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin.

*UMSL Concerto Competition Committee:
Joanna Mendoza, Associate Professor of Viola
Gary Brandes, Director of UMSL Bands
James Richards, Director of UMSL Orchestra
Julia Sakharova, Assistant Professor of Violin
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