Eligibility and requirements:

- High school students from Missouri and the St. Louis metro area, including IL residents.
- One movement of a solo selection with orchestra or band accompaniment of approximately 10-20 minutes in length. Orchestral accompaniment parts must be readily available and not rental material. Questions about repertoire should be directed well ahead of time to the Concert Competition Committee at mendozajo@umsl.edu.

Preliminary Round:

- The preliminary round is by video only, submitted online (unlisted on YouTube)
- Application (online submission) and video must be received on or before Friday, November 2.
- Performance for this round must be from memory and with piano accompaniment.
- All videos will be reviewed by the UMSL Concerto Competition Committee.
- Finalists will be announced via email the week of Monday, November 6.

Final Round:

- The Final Round will take place in the Touhill Lee Theater on Friday, Nov. 16, 2018 from 3-6 pm
- Performances must be memorized with piano accompaniment.
- Three copies of the score, with cuts marked, must be provided for the judges, at the finals.
- This round is open to the public.

Winner:

- Decision of the judges is final. The number of winners will be determined by the ensemble directors.
- The winner will perform as soloist with UMSL Orchestra on the spring concert (March) along with the winner of the College Division.

Judges:

- Director of UMSL Orchestra, Darwin Aquino, along with two other members of the UMSL faculty will determine the winner of the high school division. (UMSL faculty who are private instructors of any participant are ineligible to serve as a judge.)

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