

Illinois State University Bands

2022 Band Concerto Competition

ELIGIBILITY

The ISU Band Concerto Competition is open to any full-time woodwind, brass, or percussion student enrolled in applied performance and an ISU wind band on the auditioning instrument both in the semester they are auditioning and in the semester of the performance. Any exceptions to the requirements for participation must be approved by the Director of Bands before the audition. A student's application and repertoire selection must be approved by his/her applied faculty member.

REPERTOIRE

Students are allowed to audition with any piece written for soloist (or soloists) with wind ensemble accompaniment. Ensemble accompaniment may be full band, partial band, or chamber winds and percussion. A solo piece that does not have an already-written wind accompaniment will not be considered.

- Students must audition with the same concerto, movement(s), or other comparable work that they plan to perform.
- Works for multiple soloists may be allowed with the approval of the faculty of the respective performance area and the Director of Bands.
- There are no memorization requirements.
- There is a **10-minute time limit** for solo performance. Students may choose to perform an entire concerto or separate movement(s). Students must indicate their intended repertoire and timing on the application.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Submit online by **Friday, December 10, 2021 at 5pm**

- Students must complete the online application by **Friday, December 10, 2021 at 5pm**. In the online application, students will be asked to submit a link to a YouTube video of themselves playing all of their competition piece (ALL parts that you plan to play if you win). Accompanist required for video/audio audition (unless approved to audition without accompanist by the Director of Bands).
- Video/Audio submission need not be of professional studio quality. This can be done in a large practice room or classroom. Students need not dress up for the video. Students can borrow a video camera or high-quality audio recording device from the Band Department or use a smartphone.
- Preliminary auditions (via submitted videos) will be adjudicated by the Director of Bands and ISU applied faculty in order to determine semi-finalists.
- ISU Applied Faculty will nominate zero, one, or two students per instrument family (Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet/Bass Clarinet, Saxophones, Trumpet, Horn, Trombone/Bass Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Percussion) to pass onto semi-finals.

Submission Link: https://illinoisstate.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_agcJn4112gp86ns

SEMI-FINALS ROUND

- Preliminary Submissions that have been passed on to the Semi-Finals Round will be separated but not announced. Semi-finalists will not be officially notified or announced until AFTER the announcement of Finalists.
- An external panel of two or three judges will listen to all submissions that have passed onto the semi-finals round. That panel will determine a list of Finalists that will total no less than THREE and no more than FIVE.

FINALIST COMPETITION

Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 3pm in the Center for the Performing Arts

This is a ticketed event.

- A schedule of all approved finalists will be posted outside the Band Office (Centennial East 219) no later than Friday, January 7, 2022.
- Each Finalist must meet with the Director of Bands before the Finalist competition to ensure all materials and expectations are in order.
- Each student must provide his/her own accompanist (unless approved to audition without accompanist by the Director of Bands) and three copies of the repertoire for the Competition Jury.

FINALIST JURY

Two or three external judges will be invited to serve as the Jury, none of whom can serve in consecutive years. A copy of the music must be provided the Jury with planned cuts.

COMPETITION WINNERS

The jury can determine one of two scenarios for Concerto Competition winners:

- If no finalist is selected, then there will be no winner of the Band Concerto Competition.
- If one finalist is selected, the winner will perform with the ISU Wind Symphony in concert on **Saturday, April 24, 2022** at 8:00 PM in the Concert Hall of the CPA. This performance date is subject to change at the discretion of the Director of Bands.

ALL previous winners of the Band Concerto Competition (regardless of year) are ineligible for the competition within the same level of study (undergraduate or graduate). An undergraduate student winner may compete again as a graduate student.