



The Shippensburg Band
announces its 2010
YOUNG ARTIST SOLO COMPETITION AUDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY: Young music artists through the age of 18 attending school in the Pennsylvania counties of Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, Perry or Washington County, MD are invited to participate in the Shippensburg Band's Young Artist Solo Competition auditions.

AWARD: 1 award of: **\$600, plus a solo appearance with the Shippensburg Band for those in the 9th to 12th Grade.**

1 award of: **\$400, plus a solo appearance with the Shippensburg Band for those in the 6th to 8th Grade.**

REQUIREMENTS: Each contestant must prepare and present all or selected movements of a serious work for his or her instrument that has a published band accompaniment. Contestants are encouraged to work with their music teacher and/or band director in making an appropriate selection. All music must be readily available, published and copyrighted (BAS Publishing has a number of works that meet this criteria).

- Entries from the following categories are eligible (band instruments only): woodwind, brass, percussion (not piano, strings or voice).
- Memorization of the contest materials is recommended, but not required.
- Audition tape/CD and one copy of the score must be provided by the contestant for use by the Audition Committee (copy and tape/CD will be returned to contestant only if a SASE is provided).
- Length of the entire selection should be approximately ten (10) minutes.
- Contestants selected for final audition must attend at their own expense and must provide their own accompanist (accompanist is encouraged but not required for the audition and application CD/tape).
- The Audition Committee's decision will be final.
- Application must be accompanied by a \$10 application fee and a parent/guardian signature.

PRELIMINARY – SUBMISSION OF AUDITION TAPE or CD

CD must be in a format which can be played on any CD player, either in a computer, as a stand-alone or as a component of a boom-box. TAPE = standard audio cassette.

1. Contestant is required to submit an audition tape/CD of a work, selected according to the requirements above, along with a score for that work, which, should the contestant win the competition, will be performed with the Shippensburg Band at its **April 2010 concert** in Shippensburg, PA.
2. The total length of the audition tape/CD, including any accompaniment, should be approximately ten (10) minutes.
3. Tape/CD must be labeled with contestant's name, grade and school (e.g. Steve Silver, gr. 10, Shippensburg High School), and must be accompanied by one copy of the score, a completed application form, and the \$10 application fee.
4. All music must be readily available, published, and copyrighted (BAS has a number of appropriate band works that meet this requirement.)
5. Send labeled tape/CD, one copy of the score and a completed application form, and \$10 application fee to:

Carl Sponenberg
530 Springfield Rd
Shippensburg, PA 17257

Include a SASE if you would like the tape/CD and copy of the score returned.

This auditions materials package must be postmarked no later than January 1, 2010. Applications postmarked after that date will be returned unopened.

FINAL – LIVE AUDITION

1. Finalists will be notified by February 1, 2010, and invited to play a live audition in February, 2010, consisting of the full performance of the work as the auditionee would perform it with the band should he/she be selected. **Audition Site/Time is to be announced in letters inviting applicants to a live audition.**
2. Participants must provide their own accompanist. Accompanists for the audition are encouraged but not required.

WINNER WILL BE NOTIFIED March 1, 2010

All finalists will also be notified of the Audition Committee's selection.

The winner will attend up to three rehearsals (at the director's discretion) prior to the concert to be presented on a Sunday afternoon at 2:30 pm in April, 2010. The winner and parents/guardians will be housed in the home of Shippensburg Band musicians if so requested.

The Shippensburg Band will provide the band parts for the piece selected by the winner.

The winner will be provided with driving directions to the rehearsal and concert sites, as well as list of hotels/motels if not staying with Shippensburg Band musicians. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The winner's parents/guardians, music teachers and band directors will be notified of the concert.

For further information, please contact:

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