

Dear Band and Orchestra Director:

I would like to invite you and your students to participate in the Houston Concert Band, Band and Orchestra Solo and Ensemble Contest.

The contest will be hosted by The Houston Concert Band and held at Houston Christian High School on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. We will begin at 8:30 am with a meeting with our judges, and the students will begin playing at 9:00 am. The contest will run on a six- minute schedule for as long as is needed throughout the day. Students who are enrolled in their school music program are eligible to participate.

Each school will be scheduled by blocks of time, not including the names of participants. The individual scheduling will be left to the director so that you may better accommodate your individual scheduling needs.

Professional music educators who are actively involved in instrumental music will be hired as our judges. The number of judges needed will be determined by the number of entries received.

Students will be evaluated on their performance using a graded number system:

- I – Superior
- II – Excellent
- III – Good
- IV – Fair
- V – Poor

Students will receive verbal and written comments, as the judge deems necessary. Ratings are derived keeping in mind the students' age, experience, and the difficulty of their selection. Students earning a rating of "I" will receive a medal (color ribbon will be determined by the classification of their solo or ensemble: Class I – blue, Class II – red, Class III – white.

Selections can be taken from the current UIL Prescribed Music List or can be chosen at a level appropriate for the younger student. Judges must be provided with original scores with all measures numbered. Soloists are responsible for securing their own accompanist.

The entry fee will be \$7 for each student who will play a solo. If an ensemble is playing, each student in the ensemble will need to pay an entry fee of \$7. This will defray the costs of piano rental, honorariums for the judges and other operating expense. There will be a school registration fee of \$50.

Please check the Houston Concert Band website for downloadable forms.  
[www.houstonconcertband.org](http://www.houstonconcertband.org)

Sincerely,

Kristen Fusco  
Houston Concert Band

**FORM 4**

**Solo and Ensemble**  
Adjudication Form

School: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Director: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Woodwind Solo	<input type="checkbox"/> Woodwind Ensemble	<input type="checkbox"/> Piano Solo
	<input type="checkbox"/> Brass Solo	<input type="checkbox"/> Brass Ensemble	<input type="checkbox"/> Experimental Ensemble
	<input type="checkbox"/> Percussion Solo	<input type="checkbox"/> Percussion Ensemble	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Ensemble
	<input type="checkbox"/> String Solo	<input type="checkbox"/> String Ensemble	

Selection Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Composer/Arranger: \_\_\_\_\_ PML Classification (circle one) I II III

Non – PML (circle one) I II III

**Name(s) of Participant(s)** (in alphabetical order – last name first)

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. _____ Grade _____ | 6. _____ Grade _____  |
| 2. _____ Grade _____ | 7. _____ Grade _____  |
| 3. _____ Grade _____ | 8. _____ Grade _____  |
| 4. _____ Grade _____ | 9. _____ Grade _____  |
| 5. _____ Grade _____ | 10. _____ Grade _____ |

CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS: ( use back if needed)

RATING (Circle one. Do not add minus or plus)

I II III IV V  
Write in rating here: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Official: \_\_\_\_\_

# Solo and Ensemble Instrumental Entry Form

**Postmark Deadline: April 16, 2010**

School: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of events entered:

\_\_\_\_ Woodwind Solos

\_\_\_\_ Brass Solos

\_\_\_\_ Percussion Solos

\_\_\_\_ String Solos

\_\_\_\_ Piano Solos

\_\_\_\_ Woodwind Ensembles

\_\_\_\_ Brass Ensembles

\_\_\_\_ Percussion Ensembles

\_\_\_\_ String Ensembles

\_\_\_\_ Experimental Ensembles

## SPECIAL NEEDS

Scheduling Requests (other needs): \_\_\_\_\_

How many accompanists will you be using? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your accompanist playing for another school? \_\_\_\_\_

## ENTRY SUMMARY

Total Events

\_\_\_\_ Solos

\_\_\_\_ Ensembles

\_\_\_\_ Total Events

Total Fees

\_\_\_\_ Solo participants @ \$7 per student = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Ensemble participants @ \$7 per student = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$50 School Registration fee \$50

Total Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**(check payable to HCB)**

### Send this form to:

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