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2019 Young Brass Soloist Competition

Saturday, May 18, 2019

Lanier Middle School
2600 Woodhead at Westheimer
Houston, TX 77098

The Houston Brass Band is pleased to announce its fifth annual Young Brass Soloist Competition for area brass-playing students. In addition to cash prizes, the winner of the Junior Division will be featured as soloist with the 2019 Brass-Only Band Camp; the winner of the Senior Division will solo with the Houston Brass Band during the 2019/2020 concert season.

Competition Guidelines

- 1. Eligibility Requirements:** The competition is open to brass-playing students in the seventh through twelfth grades residing in the greater Houston area. Competitors from outside the area are welcome but should be mindful of concert rehearsal schedules in the event they are chosen as winners.
- 2. Divisions:**
 - Junior Division (Grades 7 -8)
 - Senior Division (Grades 9-12)

In each first-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded.

- 3. Repertoire:** One piece of music per entry, no longer than eight minutes for the Junior Division and ten minutes for the Senior Division. For solo literature longer than the time allotted, appropriate cuts may be made.
- 4. Competition Rules:** Competitors are responsible for providing their own piano accompanist. Each entrant is strongly encouraged to perform with piano

accompaniment. For this reason, a piano will be available. The Houston Brass Band can provide an accompanist with prior written notice at no cost to the entrant. Competitors must provide four copies of the sheet music for the judges to view and make notes on.

- 5. Judging:** Judging the Senior Division will be the four principal brass players of the Houston Symphony: Principal Trumpet Mark Hughes, Principal Horn William VerMeulen, Principal Trombone Allen Barnhill, and Principal Tuba David Kirk. Judging the Junior Division will be a panel of musicians from the Houston Brass Band.
- 6. Performance:** First-prize winner in the Junior Division will be our featured soloist in concert with the BOB Camp (Brass Only Band Camp) band. The first-prize winner of the Senior Division will be featured with the Houston Brass Band in concert at an agreed-upon venue during the 2019/2020 season. The solo performed in the competition will be the same work performed with the Houston Brass Band, unless the performer and the Houston Brass Band's Music Director agree on a different piece.
- 7. Cash Prizes:**
Junior Division — The first-place winner will receive a \$250 prize, second- place \$125, and third-place \$75.
Senior Division — The first-place winner will receive a \$500 prize, second- place \$250, and third-place \$150.
- 8. Application:** Completed applications must be postmarked or received online by Friday, May 1, 2019, and must include the non-refundable entry fee. Applications received after May 1, 2019, must include an additional \$10 late fee. Applications postmarked or received after May 11, 2019, will not be accepted.

All communications with entrants will be made to the email address supplied on the entry form. Make all checks payable to Houston Brass Band.

- 9. Competition Dates/Times:** The competition will take place on Saturday, May 18, 2019, at Lanier Middle School. Both divisions will run concurrently. Each competitor will receive confirmation by email, with performance time, at least one week in advance.

For questions regarding the competition, please contact Competition Coordinator Darren Rowan at 832-933-0648 or by email at darren@houstonbrassband.org.

The Competition Coordinator is authorized to make binding decisions regarding conformity to competition guidelines and rules.