



Solo and Ensemble Festival 2020

Saturday, March 21, 2020 | 9:00am – 1:00pm | Synder Memorial Baptist Church

Participation:

All musicians age 20 and under in Cumberland County and adjacent counties are welcome to participate. Students may participate as a soloist and/or in an ensemble. All students that enter will receive a voucher to attend the Fayetteville Symphony during the 2019-2020 or 2020-21 season. Participants that receive a Superior rating will also receive an award, and the possibility of performing on a Fayetteville Symphony concert honoring the talented youth in our area. A solo is one (1) musician with an accompanist. An ensemble is 2 or more musicians, up to 12 musicians, with or without an accompanist. If larger ensembles are interested in participating, please contact Monica Thiriot directly at education@fayettevillesymphony.org.

Division Levels:

Musicians will be divided into a Junior and Senior divisions according to age.

Junior Division – Age 14 and under **or** 8th grade and under

Senior Division – Age 15-20 **or** 9th grade and older

Music Levels:

Participants may enter Junior or Senior division on six (6) grade levels designated according to music difficulty. Each of the following levels will be open to any music student in Cumberland county and adjacent counties

1 – Easy

2 – Moderate Easy

3 – Average

4 – Moderate Difficult

5 – Difficult

6 – Very Difficult

Guideline to determine level:

1 – Easy	Suzuki Book 1, Essential Elements Book 1, or equivalent
2 – Moderate Easy	Suzuki Book 2, Essential Elements Book 2, or equivalent

3 – Average	Suzuki Book 3 or equivalent
4 – Moderate Difficult	Suzuki Book 4-5 or equivalent
5 – Difficult	Suzuki Book 6-7 or equivalent
6 – Very Difficult	Concerto Level (Suzuki book 8 and above or equivalent)

Rating System:

The FSO Festival will use a five rating plan for judging all solos and ensembles.

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

- Rating I Superior – The best possible performance. Score = 96-100
- Rating II Excellent – A performance of distinctive quality but not worth yof the highest rating due to minor defects in performance. Score = 90-95
- Rating III Average – A performance showing some accomplishment and promise but lacking in essential musical qualities. Score = 80-89
- Rating IV Fair – This is a performance that is weak and uncertain. Score = 74-79
- Rating V Poor – A performance that reveals lack of preparedness and musical understanding.

Rating Sheets:

The rating sheet of each performance will be given to the performer after the scores have been recorded.

Awards:

All students that participate will be given a voucher to attend a Fayetteville Symphony Concert. Students that receive a I or Superior rating will receive an award. Several students that receive Superior ratings will be chosen by the judges to perform their piece a Fayetteville Symphony sponsored concert, honoring their achievement.

Accompanist:

While an accompanist is not required at this time, we **strongly** encourage all musicians to have an accompanist unless performance piece is specifically written to be performed unaccompanied. For a list of possible accompanists, please contact Monica Thiriot at education@fayettevillesymphony.org.

Music for Adjudicators:

A complete measure-numbered score for each ensemble or a measure-numbered solo for each soloist must be provided for the adjudicator. Failure to provide this music will result in a penalty of one rating lower.

Performance Information:

A performance time will be assigned to each student once payment and registration have been received. A maximum of ten (10) minutes for instrumental events will be allowed. In works that are more than ten (10) minutes, music may be appropriately cut. We recommend arriving 30 minutes prior to scheduled performance time as 'warm up' rooms will be available. Please allow at least 30 minutes afterward for judging and awards to be completed.

Festival Application Deadline, Fees:

Solo Application fee = \$20

Small Ensemble Application fee = \$35

The Solo and Ensemble Festival application forms and fees must be mailed in or submitted online by Monday, March 9th, 2020. Applications can be found at www.fayettevillesymphony.org A ten (10) day extension may be granted provided an additional late fee of \$25 is included.

Preparation Clinics:

The Fayetteville Symphony will sponsor a FREE clinic to assist students in finding repertoire and to rehearse their piece. The clinics will be held in February.