

OFFICIAL RULES



"An art contest for young people"

West Tennessee Educators

We invite your participation in this project, presented by The Jackson Symphony League.

Our goals include the following:

- To provide an opportunity for listening to and visually interpreting classical music.
- To increase awareness of The Jackson Symphony and familiarize students with repertoires presented by The Jackson Symphony.
- To encourage a lifelong appreciation of symphonic music by young people.

Eligibility

The Color of Music is open to all students in grades K through 8 in the West Tennessee school systems: public, private, parochial, home schools and special education programs comparable to grade levels K through 8.

Entering the Contest

All entrants will receive an entry packet/email which acknowledges that you have officially entered *The Color of Music* contest. Included in the packet will be program notes, teaching unit, inventory sheet and a complimentary CD/mp3.

Guidelines for Submitted Artwork

- Three pictures per grade level may be submitted from each school with up to 100 participating students in the grade. For schools with greater than 100 participating students in a grade level, teachers may select an additional entry per 50 participants, and schools with special education classes may submit an additional entry per grade level. **Pictures from home school students must be submitted to the home school coordinator, Jennifer Smeltser @ homeschoolroster@gmail.com.** Home schools, as a group, may submit 3 pictures per grade level.
- ***The artists of the works selected to represent their schools will be considered finalists in the contest.***
- ***We suggest that the teachers get an independent party to judge the entries that are submitted.***
- Artwork must be two-dimensional, using crayon, pen, ink, watercolor, tempera, batik, collage, etc.
- **NO PASTELS OR POWDERED CHALK.** The artwork will be moved several times, and pastels may be damaged.
- ***Crayon colored pictures do not seem to do well in judging when being compared to other mediums used.***

Size and Mounting

- Artwork must be on **12 x 18" paper**. Mount the artwork on **BLACK 14 x 20" POSTERBOARD** using rubber cement.
- Paper will be provided if needed.
- DO NOT use white glue, as it will buckle the picture. DO NOT mat artwork.
- **ARTWORK THAT DOES NOT MEET SPECIFICATIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED**
- ALL WORK MUST BE TITLED – If piece is a winner, we need a title for printing purposes.
- ATTACH INFORMATION ONLY TO THE BACK
- **Front:** Work may be signed, but no other information should be included on the front.
- **Back:** Attach a completed identification card from your entry packet to the back of the poster board. Please double-check the spelling of each student's name.
- **TYPE or PRINT** information legibly.
- Circle the musical selection and include the child's title for the work.
- The Identification Card and Inventory Sheet must have the same information.
- Please complete an Inventory Sheet for each school if you are entering pictures for more than one school.
- Please include an estimate of each student's T-shirt size. This will help expedite the process of ordering T-shirts for prize winners.

Wrapping

Entries from each school must be wrapped together in clean cardboard or a portfolio for protection. Your entry package must include all artwork with attached Identification Cards and an Inventory Sheet.

Delivery

Home schools: All home school entries must be delivered to the home school coordinator, Jennifer Smeltser, by January 20, 2023. They will be judged as a group, and finalist entries will be selected to deliver to The Symphony office. Please email Jennifer at homeschoolroster@gmail.com for further information.

DEADLINE: ART ENTRIES MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE SYMPHONY OFFICE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, January 27th, 2023.

Hand-deliver all entry packets to The Symphony Office, 207 E. Lafayette St., in downtown Jackson. Label your package with the school and teacher's name.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS DETAILED ABOVE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

Implementing the Contest

Please familiarize yourself with the program notes and music before introducing the selections to your students.

1. Dvorak's Symphony No 7, 4th Movement
2. Sibelius' Violin concerto in D Minor, 1st Movement

This contest emphasizes the student's own interpretation of the musical selections. Keep this in mind as you read the instructions below.

- We recommend playing the pieces as much as possible so that the students will be stimulated by the "feel" of the music and will identify with the works. After the pieces are played, you should discuss the selections musically, discussing musical attributes such as melody, rhythm, instruments, etc., according to your class's specific abilities. This year, there will not be a Discovery concert due to the interviewing and performance of the three conductor candidates.
- **Your students must work independently. Do not overwhelm the students with personal suggestions.** Each child's imagination should be allowed to show through in his or her work. Remember, the judges will be looking for creativity and imagination, not necessarily artistic ability.
- Please select the appropriate number of entries (see **Guidelines for Submitted Artwork**) and submit the entries to The Symphony office. Please have your judges to choose which entry best captures the "essence" of the music.

Here are some guidelines which may help you in making your selections:

- How well the student captured the "spirit" of the selection
- Use of contrasts, intensities, rhythm, texture, balance, form
- Individuality
- Unique interpretations
- Overall appeal

Judging Procedure

- A panel of local artists and musicians will consider all entries and select the blue ribbon and top prize winners and optional honorable mention awards.

Awards

- A student whose work best reflects the spirit of The Color of Music contest, illustrating music as the universal language, will be awarded the JACKSON SYMPHONY LEAGUE BRAVO AWARD.
- **The CONDUCTORS AWARDS** will recognize the students whose works best represent, in the opinion of our judges, the "essence" of their musical selections. **The Prelude Award** will go to a student in grades K-2; **The Capriccio Award** will go to a student in grades 3-5; **The Fantasia Award** will be selected from the entries from grades 6-8. (These works will become the official symbols of the next year's contest and will be recognized in advertising materials for the following year.)
- All top award winners will receive a plaque and a cash prize. Their artwork will also be professionally framed. These four winning entries will be featured in publications of The Jackson Symphony and The Jackson Symphony League, as well as on The Jackson Symphony website.
- 45 BLUE RIBBON WINNERS, 5 from each grade level will be selected from the finalists on the basis of the guidelines given in the section How to Implement the Contest. These award winners will receive tickets to a Jackson Symphony Orchestra concert, a ribbon, and a T-shirt. Additional HONORABLE MENTION AWARDS may be given at the discretion of the judges.
- The JACKSON SYMPHONY LEAGUE AWARDS will be presented to the schools in each division with the highest percentage of winning entries. The school must send a minimum of 3 entries for each grade level that participates to be eligible. A cash award for art supplies will be presented to each of the Symphony League Award winners at the Award Ceremony.

Awards Ceremony & Reception

- All Honorable Mention, Blue Ribbon and top prize winners, along with their parents, principals and teachers will be honored at an **AWARDS CEREMONY AND RECEPTION** at **1:00 PM Saturday, March 11, 2023**, at **The Ned Performing Arts Center @ 314 E Main St., Jackson, TN 38301**

Exhibits

- All finalist entries (those representing their schools) will be displayed tentatively on March 9th-11th in the Lobby of The Ned. The award-winning entries selected for the Jackson Symphony League Bravo Award, the Conductor Awards, Blue Ribbon and any Honorable Mention Awards will be displayed, date and location to be determined. Finalist photos will be displayed on the Symphony League Website @ thejacksonleague.com

Calendar of Events 2023

January 20th	<i>Deadline for home school entries to be delivered to the home school coordinator. Jennifer Smeltser @ homeschoolroster@gmail.com</i>
January 27th	Deadline for finalist entries to be delivered to The Symphony office at 207 E. Lafayette St., Jackson, TN 38301
February 10th	Judging to be complete
February 17th	Notification of Winners
March 9–11th	Exhibit of all finalists' entries at the Lobby of The NED Performing Arts Center – All Day.
March 11th	Awards Ceremony at The NED Performing Arts Center – 1:00 PM.
TBD	Award winning artwork exhibited – location to be determined.
April 14th	Remaining artwork must be picked up at The Jackson Symphony office that has not already been delivered back to the schools. Unclaimed artwork becomes the property of The Jackson Symphony League after this date.

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