



**TO:** All Music Teachers of 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades.  
**FROM:** Carol Competition Committee, Fort Worth Civic Orchestra.  
**DATE:** July 26, 2021

Dear Music Teacher,

It is once again time to start planning for the annual Fort Worth Civic Orchestra Carol Writing Competition. After a difficult year where we had no choice but to shut down operations and search for a new home, we are back and ready for a fresh new season at Birchman Baptist Church on the West side of Fort Worth.

Open to all 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, this contest gives young aspiring composers and songwriters an opportunity to write a seasonal carol, have it professionally orchestrated, normally for full orchestra and voice, and then hear it performed in concert as our guest at our annual Teddy Bear concert. Assuming a new COVID-19 variant does not require a new shutdown, the concert is planned for Saturday December 18<sup>th</sup>, and we plan to perform both this year's winning carol AND the winner from 2020.

The carol should be seasonal in nature, having a theme based in Fall/Winter, Christmas, Hanukkah, New Year, or general holiday, but should be pertinent to the Holidays associated with Winter break. It can be composed by an individual student, a group, or a class of students. Teacher help is acceptable in the refinement and charting of the song but the melodies and lyrics are to be originated by the students. If the teacher writes out the song by hand or using software, please include a copy of the student's original work in the package. Judging will be based on the melody and the lyrics.

Entries will need to be received no later than Saturday, October 9, 2021. Minimum requirements for submission are a charted melody line with words written under the music in song form indicating the fit of the lyrics with the melody. The entry package must also include a submission form for each carol submitted and identifying information on each sheet of paper included.

We know this last year and a half has been a challenging one, and that there are still lingering uncertainties. So we are especially appreciative of the effort it will take to get entries created and submitted. All requirements, dates, and contact information are contained in the attached pages. Copies of these forms as well as examples of past entries can be found online at [www.fwco.org](http://www.fwco.org).

Sincerely,  
Dan Stevens  
Fort Worth Civic Orchestra Carol Competition Committee.



## **Annual Carol Competition - 2021**

### **CONTEST HELP SHEET**

Compose a melody with words in carol form depicting a holiday theme (i.e., Winter, Christmas, general holiday, Hanukkah, etc.). Teacher help will possibly be needed in writing down and refining the music, and this is acceptable, but the creative aspects of composing the original melodies and lyrics must be the student's. Remember, this is going to be orchestrated for full orchestra, more than one verse is encouraged. We have included copies of past entries as examples.

The contest is open to 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**Entries must be received on or before Saturday, October 9, 2021. Please include a separate submittal form for each carol.**

The judges will select the winner or winners, grading the composition on the basis of melody and lyrics. The carol will then be orchestrated and performed by the FWCO at our annual Teddy Bear Concert to be held on December 18, 2021 at Birchman Baptist Church. At this concert the winning students and their teachers will be recognized.

All winning submittals, as well as the finished, orchestrated works, will become the property of the Fort Worth Civic Orchestra.

For further information or to submit entries, please call, text, or e-mail:

Dan Stevens – 817-765-3622, danrstevens59@gmail.com

Call to arrange drop off of entries or mail to:

FWCO Carol Competition  
c/o Daniel Stevens  
6619 Sabrosa Ct. East  
Fort Worth, TX 76133

Or e-mail scanned entries to danrstevens59@gmail.com

**ENTRY DEADLINE – ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 9, 2021. Include with entry: Name of Teacher, Name of student(s) and class if applicable, School, Title of Song, and Date.**



**2021 Fort Worth Civic Orchestra Carol Competition**  
Submittal Form – **one form per submitted carol please.**  
Deadline – October 9, 2021

Title of Song: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Composing Student(s) or (and class description if entire class):

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School/District/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name and Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name and Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Principal \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I attest that the submitted entry is, to the best on my knowledge, the original work of the student(s) listed above.

Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Submit to: mail – 6619 Sabrosa Ct. E., Ft. Worth, TX, 76133 or e-mail: - danrstevens59@gmail.com*

*Do Not Write in Box – FWCO use only*

**Date Received:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Received by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Requirements Met:** Yes No

**Judges Composite Score:**

**Melody:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Lyrics:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Final Ranking:** \_\_\_\_\_ Use: Yes No

**NOTES:**