



TO: All Music Teachers of 4th – 6th Grades.
FROM: Carol Competition Committee, Fort Worth Civic Orchestra.
DATE: August 25, 2020

Dear Music Teacher,

It is once again time to start planning for the annual Fort Worth Civic Orchestra Carol Writing Competition. Obviously, there is a lot of uncertainty as to details and even how our season will unfold, but plan to still hold this contest if we can get entries and find a way to present the winner(s).

Open to all 4th, 5th, and 6th 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. Due to the COVID-19 situation, the details of any performance are still undetermined, but every effort will be made to arrange a perform the winning Carol if not in a live performance, at least online.

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 10, 2020. 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 year has and will be a challenging one for all and we will be especially appreciative of the effort it will take to get entries created and submitted, but we wanted to continue to present this opportunity to our community. 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.

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



Annual Carol Competition - 2020

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 is expected to 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 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students.

Entries must be received on or before Saturday, October 10, 2020. 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. 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:

Russell Powell – 918-645-2541, jrpowell@russellpowellmusic.com

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 10, 2020. Include with entry: Name of Teacher, Name of student(s) and class if applicable, School, Title of Song, and Date.



2020 Fort Worth Civic Orchestra Carol Competition
Submittal Form – **one form per submitted carol please.**
Deadline – October 10, 2020

Title of Song: _____

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

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

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