



TO: All Music Teachers of 4th – 6th Grades.
FROM: Carol Competition Committee, Fort Worth Civic Orchestra.
DATE: August 05, 2024

Dear Music Teacher,

It is once again time to start planning for the annual Fort Worth Civic Orchestra Carol Writing Competition.

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. The 2023 Teddy Bear Concert is scheduled for December 14, 2024 at Birchman Baptist Church.

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, lyrics, and suitability to being orchestrated for large orchestra and voice (either choir or solo voice.)

Entries will need to be received no later than Saturday, October 12, 2024. 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.

All requirements, dates, forms and contact information can be found on the Carol Competition information can also be found on our website at www.fwco.org, (>community>2024Holiday Carol Contest) and should be active within a few days of you receiving this notice.

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



**FORT WORTH CIVIC
ORCHESTRA**
Dr. Kurt Sprenger, Music Director
Annual Carol Competition - 2024
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. Examples of past winner entries can be found on our website, www.fwco.org, as well as some links to performances of some of these carols.

The contest is open to 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students.

Entries must be received on or before Saturday, October 12, 2024. 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, lyrics and suitability for adaptation to a full orchestral arrangement. 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 (preferred).

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

E-mail scanned entries to fwcivicorchestra@gmail.com (preferred method).

Or, call to arrange drop-off of entries.

Or, mail to:
FWCO Carol Competition
c/o Daniel Stevens
4251 Crestline Rd
Fort Worth, TX 76107

ENTRY DEADLINE – ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 12, 2024. Include with entry: Name of Teacher, Name of student(s) and class if applicable, School, Title of Song, and Date.



2024 Fort Worth Civic Orchestra Carol Competition
Submittal Form – **one form per submitted carol please.**
Deadline – October 12, 2024

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 – 4251 Crestline Rd., Ft. Worth, TX, 76107 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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