

# 2024 WILLIAM STEWART SOLOIST COMPETITION

Sponsored by the Eastern Michigan University Bands  
with support from the Gamma Rho and Delta Upsilon Chapters of  
Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi

Purpose: To encourage and recognize excellence in musical performance among undergraduate woodwind, brass, and percussion students in the EMU Bands.

**WILLIAM STEWART** was a distinguished alumnus of EMU and the School of Music. He graduated from EMU in 1934 and served band students in the State of Michigan for twenty-five years, most notably as a teacher and band director in Muskegon. His bands performed to a high standard all of his life, and to mark his distinguished career, the performance shell at the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp is named in his honor.

Procedure: Auditions will be organized by EMU Bands in Pease Auditorium on **Sunday, November 5, 2023** beginning at 4:00 p.m.

**Deadline for a completed application is Friday, October 27, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

Awards: Up to two award winners will be selected; each soloist will perform with the Wind Symphony or the Symphonic Band at the conductors' discretion, during the 2024 winter semester.

## RULES

### **I. Audition Requirements**

1. Must be an EMU undergraduate student; one entry per student.
2. Must be registered for and participating in the EMU Wind Symphony or Symphonic Band during the fall semester when auditions are held.
3. If NOT currently registered in either the Wind Symphony or Symphonic Band, the student must have been previously registered in one of the above mentioned ensembles for at LEAST 8 semesters (MEDI requirement).
4. Selections may be no more than 10 minutes in length and performed live with a piano accompaniment. Any selections longer than ten minutes must be appropriately cut with the advice of your applied teacher and performed for audition and concert in the cut version.
5. A wind band version of the selected solo piece must be available. EMU Bands will be responsible for renting or purchasing the arrangement for the winner for an amount not to exceed \$500.00.
6. Only solo repertoire will be considered, unless permission is given by the Director of Bands for special circumstances.
7. Winners of the William Stewart Soloist Competition are *ineligible* to re-audition in *consecutive* years.
8. The privilege of performing a concerto with the Wind Symphony or Symphonic Band may be revoked at any time by the Director of Bands if a student is in violation of the EMU Code of Conduct.

### **II. Applications**

1. A digital application for the competition is available [here](#) and is due on **Monday, October 24 at 5:00 p.m.**
2. Applicants must obtain approval from their applied teacher and check the box indicating so. Any application turned in before acquiring applied teacher permission will be invalidated.
3. A \$10 processing fee must accompany this application. All students will receive an audio recording of their audition, along with adjudicator comments. Incomplete applications will be returned. Audition times will be posted on Friday, October 28, 2022. Payment link: <http://tiny.emich.edu/williamstewart>

### **III. Audition Adjudication**

1. Auditions will be heard by a panel of judges from outside the EMU campus community. Selection of the panel will be the responsibility of the Director and Associate Director of Bands.
2. Judges will determine up to two award winners from the auditions; the decision of the judges is final. The Director of Bands will determine the assignment of a soloist(s) to a particular concert and ensemble with which the student(s) will perform.