

JOHN LEATHERWOOD

37th Annual

Concerto Competition 2024-2025



NORTHWEST FLORIDA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



Enter to win cash awards from **\$750 to \$2500** and an opportunity to perform as a guest artist with the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra at the Mattie Kelly Fine & Performing Arts Center

Key Dates & Deadlines

October 10, 2024

Firm Deadline!
Completed Application
Package Due

October 17, 2024

Finalists Selected and
Notified

November 9, 2024

Competition Finals at the
Mattie Kelly Arts Center

February 22, 2025

Winner(s) Perform with
the NFSO

ELIGIBLE ENTRANTS & AWARDS TO WINNERS:

College Division:

Undergraduate college students up to age 23

\$2500 Award

Senior Division:

Students in grades 9 through 12

\$1500 Award

Junior Division:

Students through grade 8

\$750 Award

Sponsored By:



See Concerto Competition Rules
and application form at:
www.nfsymphony.org or
www.MattieKellyArtsCenter.org

QUESTIONS?

Contact **Lynne Fehrenbach**
Director of Education and Outreach
Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra
(850) 687-6262 | fehrenbl@nwfsc.edu
Northwest Florida State College
100 College Boulevard
Niceville, FL 32578-1295

IMPORTANT DATES:

Oct. 10, 2024 - Application Package Due

Oct. 17, 2024 - Finalists Chosen

Nov. 9, 2024 - Competition Finals

Feb. 22, 2025 - Winners Perform with NFSO

37TH ANNUAL NFSO JOHN LEATHERWOOD

Concerto Competition

Sponsored by the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra Guild
&
Northwest Florida State College

COMPETITION RULES:

- The competition is open to performers of orchestral instruments and keyboard, who (or if dependent, whose parents) maintain a legal residence in Northwest Florida in the following counties: Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Calhoun, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsde, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Nassau, Okaloosa, Putnam, Santa Rosa, St. Johns, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, Walton, Washington.
- All applicants must provide a YouTube link of one movement, memorized, of a concerto with piano accompaniment for the initial screening. **Applications must be postmarked by October 10, 2024.**
- Please consider musical selections carefully. The judges and music director reserve the right to disqualify a contestant on the basis of a selection that is not suitable for this competition. The most successful pieces have come from the standard repertoire. Consideration must be made of the availability and expense of orchestral scores for possible performance with the NFSO. Contact Director of Education and Outreach, Lynne Fehrenbach (fehrenal@nwfsc.edu) with questions regarding repertoire.
- All applicants will be notified by e-mail no later than **October 17, 2024** regarding their participation.
- Contestants may win only one time in any division.
- All finalists are required to provide their own accompanist for the live audition. If you need an accompanist, we can provide you one for a fee, which the collaborative pianist will set.
- **All finalists are required to perform by memory for the application audition and final audition.**
- Live auditions will be held **SATURDAY, November 9, 2024**, in the Tyler Recital Hall of the Mattie Kelly Fine & Performance Arts Center at Northwest Florida State College, 100 College Blvd., Niceville, Florida.
- Winner(s) will perform, at the Music Director's discretion, with the NFSO on **February 22, 2025**.
- **The decision of the judges are FINAL. Comments will not be distributed.**
- The 37th Annual Concerto Competition is divided into three divisions: Junior Division (through 8th grade), Senior Division (grades 9-12), and College Division (only college undergraduates who are 23 years or younger at the date of the performance - February 22, 2025 and enrolled as a full-time student). **The competition makes awards in the amounts of \$750 for the Junior Division, \$1500 for Senior Division, \$2500 for College Division.** There may or may not be a winner in each division. There will be no ties within any division. The awards will be presented to winner(s) on **February 22, 2025**.

Application packets must be **postmarked** by **October 10, 2024**, and must include the following:

- Completed application form
- Non-refundable fee of \$50 made out to NFSO Guild
- Link to YouTube video recording. Please write clearly and test your link before sending

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR APPLICATION FORM TO FILL OUT

SUBMIT APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

Lynne Fehrenbach, Education and Outreach Director

Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra

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CONCERTO COMPETITION (2024-2025)**

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant's Name	Birth Date	Grade Level
Address	City	County
Phone Number	State	Zip Code
E-mail Address	Instrument	
Composer	Movement(s)	Title of Work, including Key and Opus Number <i>(if applicable)</i>
Signature of Applicant <i>(Guardian if under 18 years old)</i>	Link to YouTube Video <i>(Please write clearly)</i>	

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

School	Name of Music Instructor		
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Instructor's Phone	Instructor's E-mail Address		
Arrival Date	Received by	Returned by	