Dear Music Educators, Administrators, and Counselors,

Continuing one of the first programs ever hosted at the Arts Center, JMKAC, Barry and Tricia Marton, Michibago Music Teachers Association, and Lakeland University are delighted to announce auditions for the fiftieth annual Senior Honor Recital competition.

Auditions will be held Wednesday, February 5, 2020, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Arts Center Theatre. This competition is open to graduating high school senior students in Sheboygan County or graduating high school senior students of Michibago Music Teachers. The deadline for submission of applications for auditions is Friday, January 17, 5:00 p.m.

This event gives graduating high school seniors with exceptional musical talent an opportunity to gain valuable audition experience while competing for a recital appearance at the Arts Center and monetary awards generously provided by Barry and Tricia Marton and Michibago Music Teachers Association as well as scholarship awards provided by Lakeland University. Winners are selected from the audition process. On Sunday, May 3, 1:00 p.m., the winners will perform in a recital at the Arts Center and be presented their awards. Four awards of $200 each will be issued as well as four $3,000 per year renewable Helen Boatwright Music Scholarships to Lakeland University.

It is our hope that you will encourage your most talented seniors to participate in this exceptional event. Please share this information with anyone who you believe would be interested in this incredible musical experience and opportunity.

**Competition Details are as follows:**

**Audition Procedures and Guidelines:**

- Only Sheboygan County high school senior students or high school senior students of Michibago Music Teachers are eligible to compete; students must be graduating in May or June 2019.
- Application forms to be used for the competition and details are included with this email. Please feel free to duplicate them.
- Upon receipt of application forms, contestants will be contacted by phone and/or email with specific information regarding audition time and warm-up arrangements.
- Ensembles consisting of up to four students may participate. Winners in ensembles will be issued the honorarium as a group. Each group member of an ensemble will receive a $1,000 scholarship.
- The compositions to be performed are to be determined by the student and his/her music teacher.
- Students should prepare for a ten-minute audition and arrange for their own accompanists. It is strongly encouraged, though not mandatory, that students perform all selections from memory.
- Students wishing to audition with more than one instrument may do so only in the event that a maximum of 30 participants is not reached. The student’s teacher must present any exceptions of performing with additional instruments prior to auditioning.
- A distinguished panel of educators and musicians will judge the competition.
- Auditions are closed to the public.
Winners will be notified by phone Thursday, February 6. All winners will be asked to prepare a 20-minute program that will be a segment of the Senior Honor Recital on Sunday, May 3. Specific details will be furnished upon notification.

**Please note:** Student musicians who wish to participate in the competition must:

1. Complete the enclosed application form and return by January 17, 2020, 5:00 p.m. by mail or email:
   
   John Michael Kohler Arts Center  
   ATTN: Kayla Becker  
   608 New York Avenue  
   Sheboygan, WI  53081

   OR

   [kbecker@jmkac.org](mailto:kbecker@jmkac.org)

2. Immediately inform the Arts Center at 920-458-6144 of any scheduling conflicts.

3. Prepare a 10-minute audition.

4. Provide the judges with two original music scores.

5. Provide an accompanist, if necessary.

Additional application forms for the competition are available upon request at the Arts Center and can also be downloaded on our website [https://www.jmkac.org/explore-discover/SHR](https://www.jmkac.org/explore-discover/SHR)

Please contact Kayla Becker at the Arts Center 920-694-4703 or [kbecker@jmkac.org](mailto:kbecker@jmkac.org) with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kayla Becker  
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JOHN MICHAEL KOHLER ARTS CENTER