

Twenty-fifth Annual George N. Tuerck Competition

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Belleville Philharmonic Hall

116 N. Jackson

Application Form

The application must be received before April 6, 2024, to ensure your requested times. Late applications will be accepted, but we do not guarantee choice of timeslot.

Please send the form via email or mail to:

byo@bellevillephilharmonic.org or

Tuerck Concerto Competition - c/o Julie Herr

116 N. Jackson Street, Belleville, IL 62220

CONTESTANT INFORMATION (Please print)

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ School _____

City/State: _____ Home/Cell Phone: _____

Zip Code: _____ Email Address: _____

Instrument: _____ Years of Study: _____

Competition Selection: _____ Movement (if applicable): _____

(Complete Title, including, e.g., Op. No.)

Composer: _____

Accompanist: _____

If you do not have an accompanist, please email byo@bellevillephilharmonic.org for information on possible accompanists.

Private Teacher & accompanist contact info: _____

The Belleville Philharmonic Society sponsors the Tuerck competition in honor of youth orchestra founder and first conductor George N. Tuerck. BPS will acquire the orchestral parts for the winning selections. If an orchestral accompaniment is unavailable, BPS will arrange for a piano accompanist for the concert.

For musicians - if I am a winner to be accompanied by the youth orchestra, I understand I must attend several Monday youth orchestra rehearsals and perform at the Tuerck Memorial Concert. The Youth Director will determine the number of rehearsals needed with the youth orchestra. BPS representatives will present the awards during the Tuerck Memorial concert. Parents, by signing this form, you provide the Belleville Philharmonic Society permission to use your child's photo and family-supplied biography information in print and electronic media.

SIGNATURES:

Contestant: _____ Date: _____

Parent: _____ Date: _____

Twenty-fifth Annual George N. Tuerck Competition Rules

Eligibility

- The competition is open to student musicians, eleventh grade or younger, who play orchestral instruments, including piano and harp.
- Youth contestants do not need to be Youth Orchestra members to participate. However, youth who audition for the Tuerck must be **one** of the following to be eligible:
 - a. An Illinois resident of the counties surrounding Belleville **or**
 - b. A student of an Illinois music teacher in the counties surrounding Belleville **or**
 - c. A former or current member of the Belleville Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.
- Winners awarded prizes at the 2023 competition are not eligible to compete unless it is on a different instrument.
- Musicians not eligible for this competition for any reason, including age or geographic location, are encouraged to participate in the Belleville Philharmonic's Stars of Tomorrow Competition.

Repertoire and Competition

- Musicians should prepare one complete movement of a standard concerto or a composition for solo instrument and orchestra. The Tuerck committee may consider other selections with prior approval from the Youth Orchestra Director, Chris Gass. If you have questions or want prior consent for a song, please email byo@bellevillephilharmonic.org.
- Competitors arrange for piano accompanists for the audition and provide music for their chosen piano accompanist. If you need an accompanist, please email byo@bellevillephilharmonic.org for a list.
- Students need to bring **three** copies of their selections for the judges.
- Memorizing the musical selection for the competition is **preferred, but not required**. Winners must play the same solo at the concert as at the audition.
- The Tuerck committee will schedule competition times at the Belleville Philharmonic Hall. Committee members will inform contestants of their competition time. Organizers will make every effort to accommodate the preferred schedule.

Competition Winners

- The number of recipients chosen is up to the quality and quantity of the competitors, the award funds available that year from the Tuerck Scholarship Foundation, and the judges' discretion.
- The winner must be available to rehearse with the youth orchestra and perform at the **Tuerck Memorial Concert, typically held the first weekend in December. If orchestral accompaniment is not available, or the difficulty of the piece does not allow it, a winning contestant will perform at the Tuerck Memorial Concert with piano accompaniment.** BPS will present winners with their certificates and monetary scholarship awards at the Tuerck Memorial Concert after their performance. Judges' decisions are final. Winners will be notified of the results within two weeks after the competition.