

**2022 Tri-County Concerts Youth Festival**  
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Dear Music Teacher,

Tri-County Concerts is once again looking forward to presenting the best of the area's young musical talent in our **79th Annual Youth Festival Concert on Saturday, June 4 at 7 p.m.**, at West Chester University's Madeleine Adler Wing Theatre, in the Swope Music Building.

Usually, 16 to 20 instrumentalists and vocalists are chosen to perform on the concert program. Participants may choose to audition as soloists or as part of a pre-formed chamber group. The Junior Division is for students in grades 6 to 8, and the Senior Division for those in grades 9 to 12. COVID-19 safety precautions will be observed - see [2022 Guidelines](#).

Your role is of utmost importance for the students' participation in this prestigious Youth Festival. **Only those students whom you pre-register may apply.**

**Important 2022 Dates:**

Tuesday, January 18: Pre-registration by teachers begins  
Tuesday, February 22: Pre-registration by teachers ends  
Tuesday, March 1: Registration by students begins  
Wednesday, March 30: Student registration ends  
**Saturday, April 30: Auditions at West Chester University, Swope Music Building  
S. Walnut Street, West Chester, PA 19383**  
Saturday, June 4: Winner's Recital, 7 p.m. at West Chester University,  
Madeleine Adler Wing Theatre, Swope Music Building

**Pre-registration:**

Teachers must submit the pre-registration form **online** no later than **Tuesday, February 22, 2022** (with student's name, home address including county, email, instrument, and grade, but not repertoire). Teachers of an ensemble need submit only one pre-registration form with only the name of the student who will be the main contact for the group. The form will not be available after midnight on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. Teachers may pre-register as many students as they wish.

**Please read the 2022 Guidelines carefully. They are very thorough and should answer all your questions about the Youth Festival.**

Students interested in participating in the auditions are expected to perform a work from the traditional classical repertoire or from an established 20th or 21st-century classical composer. We appreciate your guidance and advice to your students regarding suitable music as described

in the repertoire section of the 2022 Guidelines. Our judges have remarked that it is better for a student to audition with a piece that he or she has mastered comfortably rather than a much more demanding piece over which that student may not have full mastery. All students auditioning will receive written critiques from eminent adjudicators. The names of the private teachers or the ensemble coaches of those students selected for performance will appear in the program. Cash prizes will be awarded and a video recording of the concert will be made.

Pre-registered students will receive an invitation to register online by USPS mail. Students will be able to register online beginning Tuesday, March 1, 2022. Students must submit the registration form, including what piece they will perform, and pay the non-refundable registration fee by Wednesday, March 30, 2022. The 2022 registration fees are \$60 for soloists and \$30 for each member of an ensemble. Registration is complete after payment is made.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

*Wendy Schmid and Eleanor James*  
Youth Festival Co-Directors