

**2023 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 **80th Annual Youth Festival Concert** on **Saturday, June 3** 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.

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 2023 Dates:**

Wed., February 1:	Pre-registration by teachers begins
Tuesday, February 28:	Pre-registration by teachers ends
Monday, March 13:	Registration by students begins
Thursday, April 6:	Student registration ends
<b>Saturday, May 6:</b>	<b>Auditions at West Chester University, Swope Music Building S. Walnut Street, West Chester, PA 19383</b>
Saturday, June 3:	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 28, 2023** (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 28, 2023. Teachers may pre-register as many students as they wish.

**Please read the 2023 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 2023 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 by USPS mail**. Students will be able to **register online** beginning **Monday, March 13, 2023**. Students must submit the registration form, including what piece they will perform, and pay the non-refundable registration fee by **Thursday, April 6, 2023**. The 2023 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