

Twenty-third Annual George N. Tuerck Competition

Saturday, April 2, 2022

Belleville Philharmonic Hall

116 N. Jackson

Application Form

The application must be received no later than March 20th, 2022, to ensure your requested times. Please send form via email or mail:

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: _____ E-Mail 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 & teacher contract info: _____

The Belleville Philharmonic Society sponsors the Tuerck competition in honor of youth orchestra founder and first conductor, George N. Tuerck. If I am a winner who will be accompanied by the youth orchestra, I understand I must attend a minimum of two youth orchestra rehearsals and perform at the Tuerck Memorial Concert. If an orchestral accompaniment is not available for my selected piece, BPS and my family will arrange for a piano accompanist at the concert. BPS representatives will present the awards at the Tuerck Memorial concert after the performance. Parents, by signing this form, you provide permission to the Belleville Philharmonic Society to use your child's photo and family supplied biography information in print and electronic media.

SIGNATURES:

Contestant: _____ Date: _____

Parent: _____ Date: _____

Twenty-third 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:
 - a. An Illinois resident of the counties surrounding Belleville or
 - b. A student of an Illinois music teacher or
 - c. A former or current member of the Belleville Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.
- Winners awarded prizes at the 2020 competition are not eligible to compete unless it is on a different instrument.
- Musicians who are not eligible for this competition are encouraged to participate in the Belleville Philharmonic's Stars of Tomorrow Competition.

Repertoire and Competition

- Musicians should prepare at least 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, Dr. Leon Burke. If you have any 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.
- Memorization of the musical selection for the competition is **preferred, but not required**. Winners must play the same solo at the concert as they played at the audition.
- The Tuerck committee will schedule competition times at the Belleville Philharmonic Hall. Committee members will inform contestants on their competition time. Organizers will make every effort to accommodate the preferred schedule. Warm up space will be available at St. George Church.

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 Saturday 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 by mail within two weeks after the competition.