GRAND RAPIDS
SYMPHONIC BAND

September 2026

Dear Student Musician:

The Grand Rapids Symphonic Band is sponsoring their annual Youth Soloist Competition. This opportunity is available to any student who is currently enrolled in a secondary band program in the state of Michigan. **In addition to performing a solo with the band, the winning student will also receive a $2000 scholarship that they can redeem to use toward the university/college they will attend or toward any music related expense such as a summer music camp, music lessons, upgrading an instrument, etc.** The winner will appear in concert with the GRSB, conducted by Barry Martin, on **Saturday, February 13th, 2027** at Jenison Center for the Arts at 7:00pm.

Students must select a solo that has a **readily available band accompaniment,** please ask me if you are unsure. Students must submit a preliminary recording that includes the entire selection they plan to perform, not to exceed 15 minutes. Recordings with accompaniment are encouraged, but not required. Submissions are to be emailed with a recording in mp3 format, a copy of the solo and the application form in PDF format. **Fully completed applications must be received by Friday November 13th.** The finalist(s) selected may be asked to perform a live audition at Grand Valley State University on **Tuesday December 15th at 7:00pm. Each finalist MUST bring his or her own accompanist for this final audition.** The winner will be selected that evening and notified at the conclusion of the live auditions. The winner must be available for a minimum of two, possibly three, Thursday evening rehearsals in January and February.

Please consider applying for this fantastic opportunity. The board of directors and conductor Barry Martin are very excited about providing this unique opportunity to showcase the talent of Michigan's youth!

Sincerely,

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