



Annual Children's Concert 2018-2019 Art and Essay Competition Guidelines

Every year, the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra offers an Art and Essay Competition following the annual concert. This contest is a great way for students to express their creativity via art or in written form to tell how the concert and music affected them. We have found this to be a very popular contest in which not only teachers like to have their students participate but in which the students like to tell their stories through their own special medium. *Following are some contest guidelines for art and essay entries to be considered:*

- Although children of many ages may attend the concert, this contest is designed solely for **4th and 5th graders**.
- All entries ***MUST*** be on a **single, 8"x10"** (note: not, 8 ½" x 11") **piece of paper**. Please have students trim notebook or copy paper to these dimensions. Also, only the ***ONE SIDE*** of the paper may be used.
- All entries must have the following:
 - The student's name, grade, and school (or indicate if your student is homeschooled) clearly labeled on the back of the artwork or essay.
 - **An Art/Essay Waiver** (which can be found on the BVSO website: <http://bvso.org/school-participation/>) form ***fully completed*** and enclosed with the entry.
- This contest is supposed to be fun! Encourage your students to be creative! We will talk about the contest at the concert, but here are some ideas to help get your student(s) started:
 - What was your favorite part of the concert?

- What surprised you about today's performance?
- What new information did you learn at the concert?
- What was your favorite piece of music and why?
- Did today's performance make you want to play an instrument? If you already play an instrument, did the concert make you want to practice harder or encourage you to maybe play professionally one day?
- What thoughts and ideas were going through your head while you heard the music?
- All entries need to be mailed or delivered by **Monday, February 25th** to:

Donna Beto
Attn: BVS0 Art/Essay Contest
1316 Brook Hollow Drive
Bryan, TX 77802

- There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner for each contest- art and essay. Winners will be notified through the teachers and parents by March 11th.
- Each winner will win tickets to the **Sunday, March 24th** symphony performance for himself/herself as well as his/her immediate family. The symphony will begin at 5:00pm in Rudder Auditorium, and the winning students will have an opportunity to go backstage to meet Maestro Marcelo Bussiki after the concert.
- If you have any questions about this contest, please do not hesitate to contact the **Children's Concert Co-Chair, Gail Henry via e-mail: BvsoChildrensConcert@gmail.com** or **Donna Beto by phone: 979.822.1273**

We encourage you to have your students participate in this fun event!

Wishing your students good luck!

Donna Beto and Gail Henry
Co-chairs BVS0 Children's Concert