



Annual Children's Concert 2022 Art and Essay Competition Guidelines

The Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra offers an Art and Essay Competition following the annual concert every year. This contest is an excellent way for students to express their creativity via art or written form to tell how the concert and music inspired them. We have found this to be a very popular contest in which teachers like to have their students participate, but in which the students like to tell their stories through their own special medium. *Following are the contest guidelines for the art and essay entries:*

- 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 documents to these dimensions. Also, the student may only use **ONE SIDE** of the document.
- **All entries must have the following:**
 - **The student's name, grade, and school** (or indicate if your student is homeschooled) are 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/children's-concert/> must be **fully completed** and **enclosed with the entry**.
- This contest is supposed to be fun! Encourage your students to be creative! 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 play professionally or conduct one day?
- What thoughts and ideas were going through your head while you heard the music?
- Illustrate your favorite scene from the new performance of *The Bremen Town Musicians*.
- All entries need to be mailed or delivered by **Monday, February 21st** to:

Donna Beto
 Attn: BVSO Art/Essay Contest
 P.O. Box 3993
 Bryan, TX 77845

- 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 the week of **March 7th**.
- The winners will win tickets to the **Sunday, March 27th** symphony performance for themselves, as well as their immediate families. The symphony will begin at 5:00 pm in Rudder Auditorium, and the winning students will have an opportunity to meet Maestro Marcelo Bussiki and Concert Master Javier Chaparro after the concert.
- If you have any questions about this contest, please do not hesitate to contact the **Children's Concert Co-Chairs, Gail Henry, via e-mail: BvsoChildrensConcert@gmail.com** or **Donna Beto by phone: 979-822-1273**.

We wish your students good luck!

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