REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS

PIANO DIVISION

SONATINA/SONATA CATEGORY

Elementary I (Grades K-2) **Elementary II (Grades 3-5)** **Intermediate (Grades 6-8)**
One movement of any sonatina or sonata
Junior (Grades 9-10) ***Senior (Grades 11-12)**
One movement of any sonata

CONCERTO CATEGORY

Elementary I (Grades K-2) **Elementary II (Grades 3-5)** **Intermediate (Grades 6-8)**
Junior (Grades 9-10) ***Senior (Grades 11-12)**
One movement of ANY standard concerto for piano and orchestra.

STRING DIVISION

PIECE/SONATA CATEGORY

Elementary I (Grades K-2) **Elementary II (Grades 3-5)** **Intermediate (Grades 6-8)**
One movement of a sonata, or one piece originally written for the instrument
(Maximum 10 minutes playing time)
Junior (Grades 9-10) ***Senior (Grades 11-12)**
One movement of any sonata

CONCERTO CATEGORY

Elementary I (Grades K-2) **Elementary II (Grades 3-5)** **Intermediate (Grades 6-8)**
Junior (Grades 9-10) ***Senior (Grades 11-12)**
One movement of any standard concerto, or any standard work, for string instrument and orchestra.

WIND DIVISION

PIECE/SONATA CATEGORY

Elementary (Grades K-5) **Intermediate (Grades 6-8)**
One movement of a sonata or one piece originally written for the instrument
(Maximum 10 minutes playing time)
Junior (Grades 9-10) ***Senior (Grades 11-12)**
One movement of any sonata

CONCERTO CATEGORY

Elementary (Grades K-5) **Intermediate (Grades 6-8)**
Junior (Grades 9-10) ***Senior (Grades 11-12)**
One movement of any standard concerto, or any standard work, for wind instrument and orchestra.

VOCAL DIVISION

INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY (Grades 7-8)
ONE Class/Grade 3 vocal selection listed in the current UIL Prescribed Music List
https://www.uiltexas.org/pml/

JUNIOR CATEGORY (Grades 9-10)
TWO vocal selections listed in the current UIL Prescribed Music List https://www.uiltexas.org/pml/

***SENIOR CATEGORY (Grades 11-12)**
THREE vocal selections listed in the current UIL Prescribed Music List https://www.uiltexas.org/pml/
(Maximum 10 minutes singing time)

The Dallas Symphonic Festival Competition 2026 - 2027

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COMPETITION DATES

January 5 – 25, 2027 — **REGISTRATION**

(Registration closes at 11:59 PM on January 25. Please DO NOT WAIT until the last minute. If there are glitches in registering that take time to correct it could prevent students from being able to compete.)

March 6, 2027 — **PIANO, STRING, WIND, VOCAL DIVISIONS**

LOVERS LANE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
9200 Inwood Road
Dallas, TX 75220

WINNERS GALA & CONCERT

March 27, 2027

The Marshall Family Performing Arts Center
Rose Hall, 4:00 pm
The Greenhill School
4141 Spring Valley Road
Addison, TX 75001

ENROLLMENT & FEES

	DMTA Member	Non-Member
Intermediate Vocal	$30	$50
Junior Vocal	$40	$60
Senior Vocal	$60	$80
(Piano, String, Wind Divisions)		
Sonatina/Sonata/Piece	$50	$70
Elementary/Intermediate Concerto	$60	$80
Junior/Senior Concerto	$75	$95

AWARDS

First, Second and Third Place	Trophy
Fourth, Fifth, Sixth Place and Honorable Mention	Ribbon
Senior Concerto (All Divisions) and Senior Vocal First Place Winners	$750

COMPETITION CHAIR - Alessandro Mazzamuto

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STRING	Ronald Houston	rdhouston@smu.edu
WIND	Dasom Nam	dasomie1011@hotmail.com
VOCAL	Michael Nguyen	michng076@gmail.com

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. ALL communication with the event chairmen MUST BE through the Teacher. ***There is to be no contact between parents and DMTA chairs.***
2. ANY Teacher may enter students in the Symphonic Festival Competition. Teachers who are NON-DMTA members should contact transound88@icloud.com with their first and last name and instrument taught, to receive a temporary username and password. Non-DMTA teachers will pay the non-member enrollment fee.
3. ALL entries must be ***PAID ONLINE***. Registration fees are ***NON-REFUNDABLE***. ***ENTER STUDENTS CAREFULLY – no changes will be made after registration closes!***
4. Monitoring: **ALL Teachers** enrolling students in the competition **are required** to serve as a monitor on the day of the contest. Substitute monitors are available for a fee and are listed on the DMTA website.
5. Eligibility: the SCHOOL GRADE of the student as of September 1, 2026 will determine what Category they may enter. The student's birth date and school grade MUST be entered at registration.
6. Each student is allowed ONE entry in a Division (Piano, String, Wind, Vocal).
7. **The Vocal Division must have a minimum of 5 entries to be open for competition.**
8. Contest pieces must be performed by memory.
9. Contestants must provide their own accompanist.
10. Each contestant must provide music for the judge. ***Photocopies are not accepted!*** Digital music must have either the teacher's name or the student's name, along with The granted permission, printed at the bottom of the cover page.
11. There will be NO finals for any category.
12. All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies will be presented at the Gala event. All 4th, 5th, 6th and Honorable Mention ribbons will be presented the day of the competition.
13. 1st place winners are NOT eligible to enter a Category in which they have previously won. ***It is the responsibility of the teacher to make sure this guideline is followed. A student will be disqualified if they place in a category they won in the previous year.***
14. The First Place Winner of each SENIOR CATEGORY will perform at the Gala. Winners MUST perform in order to receive the monetary award.
15. The use of cameras or recording/video equipment is not permitted during any phase of the competition and could result in disqualification.
16. Judges' decisions are FINAL, and the Judge reserves the right to declare 'No Winner.'