Thank you for your interest in our contest. We are very excited to invite you to our 3rd annual percussion solo contest to be held on May 7, 2016! This event will give a high school percussion student a wonderful performance opportunity. They will perform their solo for a university percussion educator and receive a short lesson at the conclusion of their performance.

**About the contest:**

- It will take place at the Texas State University School of Music located at 101 Pleasant St., San Marcos, TX. 78666.
- It is open to any student attending a public or private high school.
- The performer may play music from the Texas Prescribed Music List or any music of his/her own selection.
- ONE original copy of the music will be required in the performer's room for the judge.
- $25 (non-refundable after April 22) registration fee.
- The student will spend time, after the performance, with the judge and receive a mini-lesson.
- We will furnish instruments for all of the performers. You may elect to bring small auxiliary instruments for multi set ups.

**Instruments:**

- We will provide:
  - Marimba One, 5 octave, rosewood marimba (kelon instrument also available if your student is more familiar with that type of instrument)
  - (5) Adams timpani for performance, 4 Yamaha timpani for warm up
  - 14” marching Mapex snare drum (for warm up AND for performance room)
  - 14” Black Swamp concert snare drum, 14” Pearl Philharmonic concert snare drum for warm up room
  - Various toms, cymbals and auxiliary instruments will be available for multi percussion set ups (although we highly recommend bringing your own)
The contest judges will be:

- Genaro Gonzalez (Professor of Percussion, Texas State University, Principal Percussion-Austin Symphony Orchestra)
- Bobby Lopez (Texas State University, Freelance Percussion Performer, Composer, Adjudicator, Clinician)
- Guest Artist/Judge – to be named at a later date

How the contest works:

- Each student will perform for one judge.
- Each judge will select the best performer, on each instrument, from each room. Those students will be recognized as “Best Snare Drummer”, “Best Keyboard Percussionist”, “Best Timpanist” and “Best Multi Percussionist”.
- Each of the selected “best performers” will then perform in a “finals” round competition (open to all students/teachers/parents) for a chance to win a grand prize and the title of “Outstanding Soloist”.
- The final round will be judged by all three judges to select the “outstanding soloist”.

Rules:

- Performers are required to supply the original print music to be performed. Photocopies are not permitted.
- Performers must play a solo percussion piece that should not exceed 10 minutes in length.
- Deadline for entry is April 22, 2016
- There will be no refunds after April 22, 2016.
- Each student will play on the instruments provided by the contest. There will be a variety of instruments available for performance.
- Each performer is required to bring his/her own mallets, drumsticks, cymbals and beaters. They should also bring any necessary accessories such as towels and mufflers.

Texas State University Policies:

- There will be a zero-tolerance policy concerning the use of foul language, bullying or physical intimidation by any attendees.
- Possession of illegal drugs on the Texas State University campus is strictly prohibited.
- Possession of firearms on the Texas State University campus is strictly prohibited.
- The performer will forfeit their competition time and registration fee if any of the abovementioned Texas State University policies are violated.
*If you are registering with a school district check and need to fill out a physical form, please use the following form and return with the check.

Texas State University
Percussion Solo Contest
Registration Form

Name: ________________________________________________________________

School: __________________________________________________________________

Teacher: __________________________________________________________________

Address (school): ____________________________________________________________

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Phone: ______________________________________________________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________________

Instrument: __________________________________________________________________

Title of Piece: __________________________________________________________________

Composer: _____________________________________________________________________

Time/Duration of piece: __________________________

Please return information and payment to:

Texas State University
School of Music: ATTN. Bobby Lopez
601 University Dr.
San Marcos, TX. 78666

Make check payable to: Texas State University School of Music
Directions to the School of Music

Music Building

Pleasant St. Parking Garage

Bobcat Stadium

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