



2022 CSU-Pueblo WolfPack High School Solo Contest

November 1, 2021

Dear High School Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, and Piano Students:

The Colorado State University-Pueblo Department of Music is pleased to announce the 2022 [WolfPack High School Solo Contest!](#) All High School students grades 9-12 who play a **woodwind, brass** or **percussion** instrument or **piano** are encouraged to prepare and submit a video recording of a solo to be juried by the CSU-Pueblo University Music Faculty. Four **woodwind/brass/percussion** division finalists and two **piano division** finalists will be invited to the live, in-person final round of competition on the CSU-Pueblo campus during the **14th Annual CSU-Pueblo Festival of Winds**, February 10-12, 2022.

General Information:

- There will be two divisions in the contest- "Woodwind/Brass/Percussion Division" and "Piano Division".
- Contest entry form and \$15 entry fee is due no later than noon on Friday, December 10th
- Participants will submit a video recording of their performance (see "Contest Procedures" below).
- Video recordings can be submitted at any time after November 1 but **MUST** be received by contest administrator no later than **midnight on Saturday, January 1, 2022**.
- Four Woodwind/Brass/Percussion finalists and two Piano finalists will be selected.
- Finalists **MUST** be available to perform in person with an accompanist for judges and a live audience during the Festival of Winds.
- Final placement of winners and cash awards will be announced at the Festival of Winds final concert.
- Cash Awards available to all contest participants, regardless of grade in high school.

Cash Awards

Woodwind/Brass/Percussion Division

1st Place	\$600
2nd Place	\$500
3rd Place	\$400
4th Place	\$300

Piano Division

1st Place	\$600
2nd Place	\$500

- Participants **MUST** be available to perform in person for final round to win a cash prize.
- Honorable Mentions, if warranted, and certificates of participation will be awarded.
- All contestants will receive written comments on their video submission.

Coaching with CSUP Applied Music Faculty

- The first 25 students on each instrument area to submit their entry form will be offered a **free in-person or virtual private coaching session** with a university applied music faculty member, BEFORE you record your final video submission. Instrument areas are defined as follows:

- Piccolo/Flute
- Oboe/English Horn
- Bassoon
- All Clarinets
- All Saxophones
- Trumpet
- Horn
- Trombone
- Euphonium/Tuba
- Percussion

- Piano

Free coaching sessions beyond the first 25 for each area may be arranged based on availability.

Important Contest Dates

November 1, 2021:	Registration Opens.
November 1, 2021 to January 1, 2022:	CSUP Applied Faculty will contact you to schedule your optional free coaching session.
November 1, 2021 to January 1, 2022:	Submit your video entry's YouTube link at any time before January 1, 2022.
December 10, 2021	Entry form and \$15 Entry Fee deadline- NLT noon.
January 1, 2022:	Video submission deadline. All video entries must be submitted to contest administrator by midnight.
January 15, 2022:	Finalists for in-person round announced.
February 10-12, 2022:	Finalists perform in-person with accompanist for judges and live audience at Festival of Winds.
February 12, 2022:	Winners announced.

Contest Procedures

Submit Entry Form: Entry form and \$15 entry fee are due NLT noon on Friday, December 10th. Entry is not complete until entry fee has been paid.

Entry can be completed ONLINE at: <https://forms.gle/UrNa1wBYoWWjwZsh7>

If you do not utilize the ONLINE entry, you may choose one of the following options:

Mail Entry Form with check or money order via US Postal Service. **Checks or money orders should be made payable to "CSU-Pueblo Music" with "SOLO CONTEST and student's name" in the memo line.** Mail entry form with check or money order to:

CSU-Pueblo
Music Department
2200 Bonforte Blvd
Pueblo, CO 81001
ATTN: SOLO CONTEST

OR

Email completed Entry Form to the contest administrator at david.artley@csupueblo.edu. Please put **"SOLO CONTEST and student's name"** in the subject line of the email. During normal business hours, call the CSUP Music office at [719-549-2552](tel:719-549-2552) and ask for Chad Beery. He can take your credit card payment over the phone. Note: A 3% convenience fee will be added for credit card payments.

Entry forms for hard copy or email submission can be found as an attachment to this email, and online at <https://www.csupueblo.edu/music/contest.html>

Schedule Free Coaching Session:

- Once we have received your entry form you will be contacted by the appropriate CSUP Applied Faculty member to schedule your free coaching session.

Record your performance on video.

- All performances must be videoed WITHOUT ACCOMPANIMENT.
- It is permissible to shorten multi-measure rests to avoid lengthy moments of silence. Performances should not exceed 9 minutes in length; any cuts made in the music to meet this time limit MUST make musical sense.
- There is no minimum time, but performance must be long enough to adequately judge.
- Performing one movement of a larger work is permissible.
- Please choose an appropriate setting to video your performance. School auditoriums, school band rooms, local church sanctuary, large rooms in your house etc., are appropriate. Avoid bedrooms, bathrooms, and rooms with cluttered backgrounds.
- Be conscious of ambient noise and visual distractions while recording.
- Please dress as if you were performing for a live audience.
- Most cell phones today make high quality video recordings. Run some tests to check audio quality on your video BEFORE making your final recording.

Upload your video.

- DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SEND AN EMAIL VIDEO FILE ATTACHMENT to the contest. Instead, entries MUST be submitted via URL link to your online video location. It is highly recommend that you upload your video to a free video streaming service, such as <http://youtube.com>. If you do not have a youtube.com account, it is a free service and you can visit the web page to learn more about how to upload your video. It is recommended that you designate the video upload as "unlisted", which means only those with the URL link can view the video. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact David Artley at david.artley@csupueblo.edu.

Submit the link to your video via email.

- Please put "**SOLO CONTEST and student's name**" in the subject line of the email.
- Please put **Your Name and Instrument**, the **Title** (including movement and subtitles if applicable) and the **Composer** of your piece, along with the **URL link to your online video** in the email's body.
- Send the email to the contest administrator at david.artley@csupueblo.edu.
- Contest administrator will reply to your email to confirm receipt.

Finalists announced. Please be available to be reached by phone on January 15, 2022.

- If you are chosen as a finalist, you will be contacted by phone.
- To move to the final round and be eligible for cash awards, participants MUST be available to perform their piece at the final round in-person live with an accompanist.
- The final round will be in Pueblo during the 14th Annual Festival of Winds, February 10-12, 2022. Finalists may bring their own professional accompanist.
- If finalist does not have access to a professional accompanist, one will be provided by CSUP. If an accompanist is provided, finalist should plan on being on campus NLT 10:00 AM on February 10 for rehearsal with the provided accompanist- actual rehearsal and performance times tbd.
- If you are NOT chosen as a finalist, you will receive an email with written comments on your virtual performance provided by our Applied Faculty. These emails will be sent as soon as final in-person round participants are determined.

Questions about the Contest?

If you have questions about the contest, please contact the WolfPack High School Solo Contest Coordinator Andrea Artley at andrea.artley@csupueblo.edu.

High School Seniors:

- In addition to potentially winning one of the WolfPack High School Solo Contest **Cash Awards**, your video submission can also serve as part of your Department of Music entry audition for admittance into Music degree programs as well as consideration for **Music Scholarships** for Music Majors or Minors at CSU-Pueblo beginning fall 2022.
- Additional opportunities to audition for the Department of Music are available before and after the Contest.
- You do NOT have to major or minor in music to participate in university ensembles or study with our applied faculty.
- Our four-year \$7,000 Marching Band Scholarship is available to **all** university students **regardless of degree concentration**.

Please contact Pam Diaz at pamela.diaz@csupueblo.edu for more information on the many opportunities to participate in music at CSUP.