

## **RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS CONCERT PARTICIPANTS 2026 SEASON**

The purpose of the Young Musician Concert is to present competent youth performances of quality to the Divide community. All eligible students, whether their music instruction has been with a professional teacher or not, are encouraged to apply.

- Participants must be available both on April 10, 2026, at 4 pm to attend the rehearsal and on April 12, 2026 at 2:30 in preparation for the 3:00 pm concert. The location for both is the Georgetown IOOF Hall, located at the corner of Main Street and Hwy 193.
- Students must reside/have resided on the Divide OR attend/have attended school on the Divide. There's an upper age limit of 22. Students of music teachers on the Divide may apply. Special guest performers may be approved by the MOTD Young Musicians Concert Committee (YMCC).
- A USB flash drive video of your best audition performance(s) OR a link as well as a paper application must be received by **March 14, 2026\***. Also include the name of your accompanist or group members if applicable. Group members from more than one family must submit their own applications.
- Judging the videos will be done by Music On The Divide Board Members and qualified individuals chosen by the Young Musicians' Concert Committee (YMCC).
- Memorization is not mandatory, though encouraged. The decision of the judges is final.

**IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS: Teachers and parents: please review these as you prepare your student for the audition.**

- **Selection:** Categories of performance include instrumental, voice, and ensembles (groups). Preferred genres include folk, classical, blues, and blue grass but we are open to other types that will be enjoyed by most. Please ask if you've questions.

Choose a composition that is of "concert quality." You may perform more than one composition, but the length of selection(s) should be between 2 and 4 minutes. The YMCC reserves the right to ask students to limit the selection(s) if too many students exceed the time limit or if such is needed to limit the concert's length. Additionally, the YMCC reserves the right to make appropriate decisions if duplicate songs are submitted or unanticipated situations arise.

Quality arrangements, original compositions and different styles of music are acceptable.

Accompaniment is welcome. Often parents or teachers accompany the musician, and accompaniment must be live (not recorded) music. If you choose to have accompaniment, please have this on your music submission.

- **Preparation:** Careful and thoughtful preparation should go into the learning of the selection(s) with proper rhythm and expression stressed.
- **Appearance and dress:** Clothing should be dressy and age appropriate for the concert.
- **Stage Presence:** Students should feel comfortable on the stage. There will be a mandatory rehearsal for the concert the Friday prior to the concert to provide practice.
- **Amplification:** Music On The Divide will provide amplifiers and microphones as needed.
- **Grand piano:** On stage for young musicians' or accompanists' use.

Questions? Please text or call Deb Kaplan 530-334-8117

**\*Return Application and USB or website link so they are RECEIVED by March 14 (by mail, emailed, or to the library)**

1) Mail to:

MOTD ATTN: Deb Kaplan

PO Box 1055

Georgetown, CA 95634

2) Email an attachment or link to [debkaplan10@gmail.com](mailto:debkaplan10@gmail.com)

**OR**

3) Hand-deliver to a librarian at the Georgetown Library, 6680 Orleans St. Note that the library closes at 3 pm on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Parents or students will be notified of the judges' decision regarding their child's participation in the 2026 Young Musician Concert.

Library Hours:

Monday CLOSED

Tuesday 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Wednesday 12:00 PM- 7:00 PM

Thursday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Friday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Sunday CLOSED