

***COMPETITION RULES and INFORMATION**

1. Each soloist must be currently enrolled in high school.
2. Each soloist must be available and registered for HornFest on April 8 (1pm concert) and the High School Horn Solo Competition on April 7.
3. Solos must be a Class 1 from the [UIL/PML](#).
4. Soloist must upload a link to an audio recording (1 to 3 minutes in length) of their solo for pre-screening (unaccompanied is acceptable) via YouTube URL by March 19, 2018 midnight CST.
5. All registered soloists will be pre-screened via 1 to 3 minute audio recording by a panel of judges. A third party, unrelated to HornFest, will create an anonymous playlist of all candidates' recordings for the panel to ensure fairness. Soloists who are invited to the April 7 competition (semi-finalists) will be provided a pianist for the performance and one rehearsal. (The provided rehearsal is to be scheduled by the soloist and Edward Newman, the HornFest pianist- see #6) Extra rehearsal time is \$25 per half hour or \$45 per hour and is **not** included in HornFest or solo competition registration. Semi-finalists will need to provide a pdf or link to the piano part of their solo by March 21 to h.test@tcu.edu. All registered soloists may receive feedback and comments on their recording upon request to Professor Test at h.test@tcu.edu.
6. Semi-finalists must arrange rehearsal time with the provided pianist, Edward Newman in Fort Worth and may reach him at pianewman@gmail.com and 703-599-8730. You must provide Mr. Newman with a copy or original of the piano part in person (he will be practicing from your previously submitted digital copy). Failure to contact Mr. Newman may result in having no accompanist and not being able to compete. Edward Newman is a fabulous musician and coach, and you will thoroughly enjoy preparing and collaborating with him! At least one rehearsal with Mr. Newman is recommended and will be provided with invitation to the April 7 competition.
7. The winning solo performer will play in the masterclass with Jeff Nelsen at 1:30pm on Saturday, April 7, 2018 AND the 1pm Participant Showcase on April 8, 2018.
8. As part of the incentive and reward for competing (pre-screen candidates and semi-finalists), ALL High School Solo Horn Competition participants are invited to be in the HornFest Honors Ensemble, alongside the TCU Horn Studio members and will be coached by Jeff Nelsen and directed by Heather Test on Saturday afternoon at 3pm. The rehearsed piece will be performed on the April 8 Finale Concert. (5pm)