

The 1st Annual Lexington Sister Cities
Young Musicians Showcase



2021 Theme:

“United in Hope”



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Submission Guidelines

DEADLINE: Friday, March 19, 2021

Theme:

The COVID-19 pandemic is a unique phenomenon in that it has affected every country around the globe. However, as is common in tragedy, hope shines through for those who persevere. [Hope is a uniting force during this time](#) as people struggle to cope with its ongoing effects and once again start to imagine a life without social distancing or wearing a mask. Indeed, the younger generation is capable of dreaming of a human existence that is even more dynamic, more advanced, and more resilient than ever before.

Students should explore the following questions [through the lens of citizen diplomacy and include creative ways that we stand together looking toward the future.](#)

How can the next generation of citizen diplomats help communities respond during and after the pandemic? In what ways does international experience affect an individual or community’s ability to stay hopeful? What are some examples or illustrations of coming together and celebrating our hope in humanity and its future? What are some unique ways that your city, country, or culture has proven to be hopeful during the past year?

Specifications:

- Students may select one (1) piece of music to submit for the showcase.
- Only solo musicians may compete in this category.
- Only audio submissions will be accepted; no videos.
- The piece can be an original or a cover or reinterpretation of an existing piece. If the piece is an original, it must be clearly identified as such and given a title. If the piece is a cover or reinterpretation, it must be clearly identified and credited towards the original singer/songwriter.

Entries:

Each participating student musician must be between 13 and 18 years of age by April 1, 2021. All entries must be the work of the entrant. Only pieces inspired by the theme should be submitted.

Music must be submitted to Lexington Sister Cities by Friday, March 19, 2021.

Students should submit their music pieces in MP3 or WAV format. It will probably be necessary to use file sharing software such as Google Drive to send large files.

Email: lexingtonsistercities@gmail.com

Judging:

A panel will judge entries on the basis of originality, composition, and theme interpretation. Musician’s name, title, description of work and name of school are kept confidential until judging has been completed. The judges’ decision will be final. The top five selected will be sent to Sister Cities International for the international competition.

International Competition: First, Second and Third place winners will be selected in the Sister Cities International competition. The Grand Prize Winner (first place) will receive \$1,000, 2nd Place will receive \$250, and 3rd Place will receive \$100. The winners will be published on the Sister Cities International website.

Young Musicians Showcase Entry Form
Deadline: Friday, March 19, 2021

Please print clearly or type and enclose this form with the artwork

Name: _____

Birth Date: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

School: _____

Parent Names: _____ Parent Email: _____

Music/Band/Choir Teacher: _____

Title of Work: _____

Is this piece an original or a cover or reinterpretation? Please give details: if this section is left blank, entry will not be accepted. _____

What inspired you to create, cover, or reinterpret this work?

All showcase entries become the artistic property of Lexington Sister Cities and Sister Cities International. Although the musician retains his/her copyright for other uses, Lexington Sister Cities and Sister Cities International will retain perpetual, non-exclusive rights to use submitted piece in any future publication, promotional material and/or online service with no compensation other than credit with the musician's name and community. Lexington Sister Cities and Sister Cities International reserves the right to free reproduction and exhibition of all submissions. Lexington Sister Cities and Sister Cities International take no responsibility and will not compensate for any lost or damaged pieces.

By submitting the entry, we agree to give Lexington Sister Cities and Sister Cities International, its members and affiliates, permission to publish and display the submitted entry at public exhibits, online, in publications and/or promotional materials, at the discretion of Lexington Sister Cities and Sister Cities International. We agree to abide by all the rules and terms of the showcase and agree to waive all claims of any kind against the showcase organizers.

Artist Signature _____ DATE _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ DATE _____

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