



YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY



Department of  
**Art**

CLIFFE COLLEGE OF  
CREATIVE ARTS

*Stambaugh  
Chorus*

# 2026 HOLIDAY CONCERT OF GIVING

## Student Poster Art Contest

**Presented by Stambaugh Chorus & Youngstown Area Community Concert Band (YACCB)  
For the Benefit of Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley**

Stambaugh Chorus and the Youngstown Area Community Concert Band invite area students in **grades 5–8** to create original artwork for the **2026 Holiday Concert of Giving!**

We are looking for creative artwork that captures the joy of the holiday season, the spirit of music, and the importance of giving and helping others in our community.

## CONTEST THEME

### Holiday Concert of Giving

Artwork may be inspired by:

- Holiday music and celebration
- Singing and instrumental music
- Giving and generosity
- Helping neighbors and families in our community
- Friendship, hope, peace, and joy
- The spirit of the holiday season

Students are encouraged to use their imagination and create an original design that is colorful, welcoming, and appropriate for audiences of all ages.

## WHO MAY ENTER?

The contest is open to students in **grades 5–8** in the Mahoning Valley and surrounding communities. // Each student may submit **one original entry**.

## ARTWORK GUIDELINES

- Artwork must be the student's **original creation**.
- Artwork should be created on **8.5 × 11-inch paper in vertical (portrait) orientation**. The winning artwork will be used for the full-size **8.5 × 11-inch concert poster** and will also be reduced proportionally for use on the **5.5 × 8.5-inch concert program cover**. Please keep important images and design elements away from the very edges of the page so that the artwork can be reproduced clearly at both sizes.
- Bright, clear colors and bold images are encouraged so that the artwork reproduces well in print and online.
- Artwork may include the words “**Holiday Concert of Giving**,” but students do **not** need to include all concert information in their artwork.
- Artwork should reflect the themes of **music, the holiday season, giving, and community**.
- Please do not use copyrighted characters, logos, or images.
- **AI-generated artwork is not permitted**. The submitted artwork must be created by the student.
- Stambaugh Chorus and YACCB reserve the right to add concert information, organizational logos, the Ohio Arts Council logo, and other required information to the winning artwork and to make minor adjustments necessary for printing or digital publication.

## PRIZES

### First Place — \$200

The First Place artwork will become the official artwork for the 2026 Holiday Concert of Giving. It will be featured on the **official printed concert poster, concert program cover**, organizational websites, Facebook pages, and other social media and promotional materials.

### Second Place — \$150

The Second Place artwork will be recognized and featured on the organizations' websites, Facebook pages, and other social media.

### Third Place — \$100

The Third Place artwork will be recognized and featured on the organizations' websites, Facebook pages, and other social media.

All three winners will be publicly recognized by Stambaugh Chorus and YACCB during the Holiday Concert of Giving on December 13, 2026

## JUDGING

Entries will be reviewed and judged by **faculty members from the Youngstown State University Art Department**. Artwork will be evaluated based on:

- Creativity and originality
- Connection to the theme of music, giving, and the holiday season
- Visual impact
- Suitability for use as concert promotional artwork
- Overall artistic expression

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Each submission should include:

**Student's Name:**

**Grade:**

**School:**

**Parent/Guardian Name:**

**Parent/Guardian Email and Phone:**

**Art Teacher's Name (if applicable):**

**Submission Deadline:** October 27, 28, & 29, 2026

### **Artwork Drop-Off Instructions:**

All artwork entries for the Children's Art Contest must be delivered in person to the **McDonough Museum of Art**, located at:

### **McDonough Museum of Art**

525 Wick Avenue

Youngstown, OH 44502

Artwork will be accepted during the museum's regular hours of **11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** on the following dates:

- **Tuesday, October 27, 2026**
- **Wednesday, October 28, 2026**
- **Thursday, October 29, 2026**

Please ensure that each artwork submission is clearly labeled with the child's name, grade, and any other required contest information. Entries must be received during the designated drop-off dates and times to be considered for judging. Please email [art@ysu.edu](mailto:art@ysu.edu) with questions pertaining to the contest requirements or drop-off guidelines.

Winners will be selected in advance and officially announced at the **Holiday Concert of Giving on Sunday, December 13, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at Stambaugh Auditorium.**

**Artwork Pick-Up Information:**

Artwork will be available for pickup at the **Holiday Concert of Giving on December 13, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.** We encourage families to attend and take home their child's artwork as a lasting reminder of their creativity and participation in the contest.

Please note that, due to limited storage space, any artwork not collected on December 13 cannot be retained after the event.

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By submitting an entry, the student and parent/guardian give Stambaugh Chorus and the Youngstown Area Community Concert Band permission to reproduce and publish the submitted artwork for contest publicity and promotional purposes related to the Holiday Concert of Giving. The student's name, grade, and school may be included with the artwork with parent/guardian permission.

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**2026 HOLIDAY CONCERT OF GIVING poster info:**

**STAMBAUGH CHORUS &  
YOUNGSTOWN AREA COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND**

**Present**

# **Holiday Concert of Giving**

**For the Benefit of Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley**

**Sunday, December 13, 2026 • 4:00 PM  
Stambaugh Auditorium • Youngstown, Ohio**

**FREE ADMISSION // Free-Will Donations Welcome**

*Benefiting Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley*

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