



## Young Composer Festival 2026

Student Entry Number:

Song Title:

### Rubric

|  | 1   | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
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| <b>Creativity</b><br><i>(Consider: imagination, new ideas)</i>                                       | Composition lacks originality, sounds cliched, or copied from another work.           | Composition has a little originality, but mainly contains cliched elements.                      | Composition has some originality. Some elements may be a bit cliched.                    | Composition contains all original ideas.                                     | Composition includes very creative, unique, and/or imaginative musical ideas.        |
| <b>Use of Musical Elements</b><br><i>(Consider: dynamics, texture, melody, rhythm, articulation)</i> | Composition does not contain any variation in musical elements.                       | Composition has one musical element developed.   | Composition has two musical elements developed.  | Composition has three musical elements developed.                            | Composition has four or more musical elements developed.                             |
| <b>Organization</b><br><i>Consider: variety of phrasing, beginning, middle, end)</i>                 | Composition does not have a clear structure and appears random rather than organized. | Composition may have an organized beginning and/or end, but piece lacks cohesion overall.        | Composition has a clear beginning and/or ending but piece overall is a bit disorganized. | Composition has a defined beginning and end. Piece is organized.             | Composition is very well organized with a clear beginning, middle, and end.          |
| <b>Overall Impression</b>  | Composition lacks an effective impression. Does not hold the listener's interest.     | Composition contains a few interesting ideas, but the overall impression is still not effective. | Composition contains some interesting elements. Piece is somewhat effective.             | Composition contains many interesting ideas. Overall the piece is effective. | Composition contains several unique ideas and keeps the listener engaged throughout. |

Total Points: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Judge Comments**

**Creativity:**

**Form/Structure:**

**Melody/Harmony:**

**Organization:**

**Rhythm:**

**Use of Musical Elements:**

**Additional comments:**