

The Big 12 Area Trombone Conference and Iota Tau Alpha

present

The Big 12 Bass Trombone Solo Competition

The Big 12 Bass Trombone Soloists Competition will be held at the 23rd Annual Big 12 Area Trombone Conference at Texas Tech University, January 16 – 18, 2026. The competition is open to all university students who play Bass Trombone. **MAXIMUM AGE ON JANUARY 18th, 2026 – 26 years old.**

The grand prize will be **\$500.00 in cash and prizes.**

Up to three finalists will be invited to perform in an Honors Solo Recital, held and adjudicated at the conference.

Preliminary audition recordings will be accepted through November 11, 2025.

For the Preliminary Round, each candidate is asked to submit an unedited CD recording of the following piece:

Hindemith – “Three Easy Pieces” (Schott)

The chosen work for the final round will be the ***Casterede – “Sonatine for Tuba and Piano” movements 2 and 3 (Leduc)***. The finalists selected will be expected to provide their own accompanists or use one of the Big 12 Staff Accompanists for a \$65.00 fee. Finalists will also be complimentary guests of the Big 12 Trombone Conference.

Make sure the recording is unedited and recorded with piano accompaniment. Be sure to clearly identify yourself on the CD jacket or email correspondence, but not on the recording file itself.

Postal Mail Entries: Please send the CD, along with your name, address, phone number, photocopy of your ID, university affiliation (if any), and a check for \$25.00 (checks made payable to “Iota Tau Alpha”) to:

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Online Entries: Email the mp3, along with your name, address, phone number, photocopy of your ID, university affiliation (if any), and the \$25.00 fee (pay using the “Buy Now” Button on the “Competition Information Tab) to: james.decker@ttu.edu