



Dear Band/Orchestra Directors and Private Music Teachers,

The Foundation for the Promotion of Music (FPM) sponsored **William (“Bill”) Dishman Brass Award** is presented annually to an outstanding brass player at the high school level in honor of Bill Dishman. Bill was a band director for 30 years and later taught music to special needs students within the public schools. He taught private trumpet lessons for 32 years and was an adjunct trumpet instructor at three local colleges. Bill was a member of the Gainesville Community Band for 35 years, played trumpet in the Gainesville Orchestra for 34 years, and performed with the Gainesville Brass Quintet for 31 years.

This audition is open to high school students enrolled in schools in Alachua and contiguous counties. The 1st Place Winner will receive a monetary prize of \$500 and the 2nd Place Winner will receive a monetary prize of \$250. Both winners should plan to perform at the FPM Awards Recital to be held at the Thomas Center (302 NE 6th Ave) on Sunday, April 14, 2024, at 2:00pm.

The audition material will consist of a work for solo instrument chosen by the applicant. **Please bring a clean copy of the music with the measures numbered for the judges. The soloist needs to provide a piano accompanist (unless the selected literature is specifically written for unaccompanied instrumentalist) at both the audition and the FPM Award Recital on Sunday, April 14, 2024. FPM will cover the cost of the accompanist for the winners at the Award Recital.**

Just a reminder that there is a **HARD DEADLINE** for the applications to be received. **The deadline is Saturday, March 9, 2024.** There will be NO exceptions. Applications must be received by mail or via e-mail by this date. **Auditions will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at Celebration United Methodist Church, 9501 SW Archer Rd.** Audition times will be sent to each applicant. Applicants should appear a half hour before their appointed time.

A copy of the application form accompanies this letter, which we encourage you to circulate to any interested brass instrumentalists in your programs.

The application can be mailed to:

Karen Dishman
3622 NW 53rd Terrace
Gainesville, FL 32606

Or emailed to: dishmaks@yahoo.com

Please let me know if you have any questions about these procedures.

Sincerely,
Karen Dishman
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