

Young Composers Contest

Make Music Day 2020

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The “Young Composers Contest” (“Contest”) is sponsored by the Make Music Alliance. (“Sponsor”). This contest is governed by these official rules (“Official Rules”). By participating in the contest, each applicant agrees to abide by these Official Rules, including all eligibility requirements, and understands that the results of the contest, as determined by Sponsor and its agents, are final in all respects. The contest is subject to all federal, state and local laws and regulations and is void where prohibited by law.

ELIGIBILITY

The Contest is open to applicants between thirteen (13) years of age and twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of entry, who have Internet access, and a valid email account. Applicants may not be a current or former employee of, nor related to a current or former employee of Make Music Alliance. Sponsor has the right to verify the eligibility of each applicant. Each applicant must retain copyright of submitted composition. If applicant loses the copyright of a submitted composition, the applicant forfeits consideration in this contest.

ENTRY DETAILS

- Each applicant may submit only one composition for consideration in the program. If more than one composition is submitted, only the first entry will be considered.
- Compositions written by more than one individual are not eligible.
- Compositions must use the text of the William Carlos Williams poem "By the road to the contagious hospital" in their piece. No other text may be used.
- Compositions must be no more than three and a half minutes long. Accordingly, we expect composers to set an excerpt of the poem, not the whole thing.
- Compositions must be original and the sole creation of the applicant. Entries must not be plagiarized or violate copyright laws.
- Entries must not have previously been submitted for publication by applicant nor accepted by another organization with the intent to publish.
- By submitting, applicant consents to limited print distribution of composition via makemusicday.org for the sole and express purposes of the Make Music Day celebration. The sheet music of the winning composition will be available from June 21st to July 21st of the contest year.
- By submitting, applicant consents to a recording of their submission being uploaded to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com), and linked to from makemusicday.org.
- There is no fee to apply.

CONTEST PERIOD

April 14, 2020 - Contest open for submissions

May 18, 2020 at 11:59pm EST - Deadline for submissions

June 8, 2020 - Judges make their selections and send winning pieces to the Make Music Quartet to record

June 21, 2020 - Winning pieces are released for Make Music Day

HOW TO ENTER

Using any notation software, compose a piece for SATB a cappella vocal quartet. Submit the finished score in BOTH PDF & MusicXML format to youngcomposers@makemusicday.org. Scores should contain composer's name, email address, and contact phone number in the header. (This identifying information will not be seen by the judges.)

WINNER SELECTION

Winner will be judged by a panel of judges. Selection will be based on originality/creative potential, skill at writing for voice, and overall musical effect. Winners may be contacted by the Make Music Alliance for the purpose of marketing content including, but not limited to blog or social media posts. All licensing rights to pieces submitted will remain with the individual.

ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS

Sponsor and its parent, affiliate and subsidiary companies, agents, and representatives are not responsible for any typographical or other errors in the offer or administration of the Contest, including, but not limited to, errors in any printing or posting of these Official Rules, or the selection and announcement of any winner. Any attempt to damage the content or operation of this Contest is unlawful and subject to possible legal action by Sponsor. Sponsor reserves the right to terminate, suspend or amend the Contest, without notice, and for any reason, including, without limitation, if Sponsor determines that the Contest cannot be conducted as planned or should a virus, bug, tampering or unauthorized intervention, technical failure or other cause beyond Sponsor's control corrupt the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper play of the Contest. In the event any tampering or unauthorized intervention may have occurred, Sponsor reserves the right to void suspect entries at issue. Sponsor and its respective parent, affiliate and subsidiary companies, agents, and representatives, and any telephone network or service providers, are not responsible for incorrect or inaccurate transcription of entry information, or for any human error, technical malfunction, lost or delayed data transmission, omission, interruption, deletion, line failure or malfunction of any telephone network, computer equipment or software, the inability to access any website or online service or any other error, human or otherwise.

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