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Young Composers Contest

CONTEST RULES

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The "MakeMusic Young Composers Contest" ("Contest") is sponsored by MakeMusic, Inc., American Composers Forum, and Make Music Alliance. ("Sponsors"). 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 legal residents of the US where not prohibited by law, who are 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 MakeMusic, Inc, American Composers Forum or 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 co-written by two people will be considered if both composers are eligible applicants. If the composition is co-written by two composers, their composition must be the sole creation of their collaboration and the two composers will be treated as a single applicant (e.g., if John Smith and Jane Doe write a piece together, they together are considered a single applicant, and neither may apply with any other entry.)
- Compositions written by more than two individuals, groups, etc., are not eligible. If the composer applicant partnered with a lyricist to write the piece, but wrote the music on his/her own, only the person who wrote the music is eligible to apply.
- Compositions must be original and the sole creation of the applicant or pair of applicants. 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 consigns non-exclusive digital rights of composition to SmartMusic and related brands as fall under the MakeMusic, Inc umbrella.
- By submitting, applicant consents to limited print distribution of composition via makemusic.com/young-composers-contest for the sole and express purposes of the Make Music Day national celebration. The winning composition will be available from May 15th to July 1st of the contest year.
- If the entry includes a produced backing track of beats or other music, it must be the original creation of the applicant or pair of applicants.

- If text is utilized, proof of public domain or author's written permission for use of text is required. (Note: Most modern translations of the Bible are protected by copyright.)
- There is no fee to apply.

CONTEST PERIOD

Feb 19th 2018 - Contest open for submissions

April 15th 2018 at 11:59pm MST- Deadline for Submissions

May 1 2018 - Finalists are delivered to judges

May 15th 2018 - Winning Score is announced and available for download on makemusic.com/young-composers-contest until July 1, 2018

June 21st 2018 - Winning Piece is performed at Make Music Day

HOW TO ENTER

Using *any* notation software, Compose a piece for young band up to 5 minutes in length at grade 2 level using the following instrumentation:

YOUNG BAND (Grade 2)

Flute (1 or 2 parts)

Oboe

Bassoon

Bb Clarinet (1 or 2 parts)

Bass Clarinet

Alto Saxophone (1 or 2 parts)

Tenor Saxophone

Baritone Saxophone

Bb Trumpet (1 or 2 parts)

Horn

Trombone (1 or 2 parts)

Baritone B.C.

Tuba

Percussion (any combination of snare, bass drum, timpani (no more than 3), triangle, wood block, tambourine, bells, xylophone, misc. auxiliary percussion)

If using Finale, please refer to the template available for download on makemusic.com/young-composers-contest

Don't have any notation software? Download a free 30 trial of Finale by visiting finalemusic.com/free-trial

Submit finished score in BOTH PDF & MusicXML format to makemusic.com/young-composers-contest

Scores should contain composer's name, email address, and contact number in header.

WINNER SELECTION

Winner will be judged by a panel of judges. Selection will be based on originality/creative potential, orchestration, and overall musical effect.

Winners may be contacted by MakeMusic, Inc, American Composers Forum, and the Make Music Day 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 individual.

PRIZES

Winner will receive:

- \$250 one-time cash prize
- Finale v25
- Garritan Marching & Concert Band sound library
- One-year SmartMusic Student subscription
- One-year student membership to American Composers Forum

ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS

Prize is non-transferable. No substitution or cash equivalent of prizes is permitted. Sponsors and their respective 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 or these Official Rules, the selection and announcement of any winner, or the distribution of any prize. Any attempt to damage the content or operation of this Contest is unlawful and subject to possible legal action by Sponsors. Sponsors reserve the right to terminate, suspend or amend the Contest, without notice, and for any reason, including, without limitation, if Sponsors determines that the Contest cannot be conducted as planned or should a virus, bug, tampering or unauthorized intervention, technical failure or other cause beyond Sponsors' control corrupt the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper play of the Contest. In the event any tampering or unauthorized intervention may have occurred, Sponsors reserve the right to void suspect entries at issue. Sponsors and their 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.