

Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra 2016-17 Young Composers Competition

Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra announces a composition competition for high school age composers (18 and younger) currently residing in the state of North Carolina. The competition is directed to professionally-focused young composers under the guidance of a professional composition teacher or mentor, but all submissions will be considered.

Composers are invited to submit a new work for full orchestra of no more than seven minutes' duration. **Instrumentation:** 2(picc)2(EH)22-4331-perc (2-3 players)-hp-str; composers need not write for the entire instrumentation but should write for no larger. The work should be learnable/playable by advanced high school age musicians over six to eight weekly rehearsals (1 hour devoted to the new work each week), over the course of two months. Candidates are encouraged to seek the guidance and recommendations of a professional composer or composition teacher in creating a work that will be successfully prepared within these guidelines.

For comparison of technical/musical difficulty, the following are examples of works the youth orchestra has played in recent years:

Chabrier: *Espana*
Beethoven: *Overture to Egmont*
Ives: *The Unanswered Question*
Glass: *The Light*
Mahler: *Blumine*
Gershwin: *Rhapsody in Blue*
Marquez: *Danzon No. 2*

Prize: The winning composition will receive a public premiere in Greensboro on a youth orchestra concert, as well as a recording by the Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra (composers must grant recording rights). The winning composer will be invited to appear at the premiere performance.

Submit: Full score (printed, bound) and one example string part, printed & formatted for performance, to:

Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra
attn: Young Composers Competition
200 N Davie St., Suite 301
Greensboro, NC 27401
if sending via USPS, use "Box #10" instead of "Suite 301"

Deadline: January 31, 2017

Please direct any questions/inquires to education@greensborosymphony.org.

Composer Name: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Grade (2016-2017): _____

School & City: _____

Composition Teacher: _____

Title of Submitted Work: _____

Permission Release (please sign below):

If selected as a winner of the 2016-17 Young Composers Competition, I authorize Greensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra to record and publicly perform the work titled above.

Signature

Parent or Guardian (if under 18)