

Milwaukee Choral Artists

Young Composer Composition Competition

The Milwaukee Choral Artists, one of five professional women's vocal ensembles in the United States, invites entries for its first *Young Composer Composition Competition*. <http://www.milwaukeechoralartists.org>

Guidelines and Eligibility: Applicants must be residents of the United States, born on or after January 1, 1981.

To be eligible for consideration, submitted compositions must be wholly original works scored for 2-4 treble voices (soprano/alto). Any text may be used. The work may be accompanied by piano and possibly one other obbligato instrument or may be unaccompanied. Works requiring amplification or CD accompaniment are ineligible.

Although works 3-4 minutes in length are preferred, works of any length will be considered.

Each applicant may submit up to two works for consideration. Please enclose an entry form for each.

All submissions must be postmarked by January 15, 2012; announcements will be made after February 15, 2012.

Entrance fee: \$35 per work submitted.

Materials Required:

- Copy of full score (no parts at this time): measures numbered, title of piece indicated at top of each page. NOTE: The composer's name should not appear either in the program notes or on the score itself, as submissions are evaluated anonymously.
- Brief program notes (250 word maximum).
- Brief biography of composer (250 word maximum).
- Recording of the work in MP3 or CD format.

For return of materials, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL, ONE-OF-A-KIND SCORES OR RECORDINGS.

Send materials to:

Milwaukee Choral Artists
2011-2012 Young Composer Composition Competition
2512 East Linnwood Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53211

The First Prize entry will be workshopped in a master class with the Milwaukee Choral Artists. MCA will read and rehearse the work. If the composer is present, s/he will be part of the workshopping process, and will have ample opportunity to ask questions of and make suggestions to the conductor and professional singers. (The composer is responsible for his/her travel to Milwaukee.)

First prize: \$250 cash award; world premiere of winning composition by MCA; recording of performance by MCA on CD; participation in Master Class with MCA.

Second Prize: \$150 cash award; world premiere of winning composition by MCA; recording of performance by MCA on CD.

Third Prize: World premiere of winning composition by MCA; recording of performance by MCA on CD.

NOTE: The evaluating committee reserves the right to award no prize, or up to three prizes, in any given year.

If you should have questions, please contact:

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ENTRY AND AGE CERTIFICATION FORM

2011-2012 MCA Young Composers Competition

Applicant's Name

Social Security Number

Birthdate

Current Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone

Email

Permanent Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone

Email

Age Certification

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that _____ was born on or after January 1, 1981. I further attest that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the composition being submitted is a wholly original work.

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date

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