

Cantate Chamber Singers

NINTH YOUNG COMPOSERS' CONTEST

\$1,000 CASH AWARD

As part of its commitment to "innovative programming and creative educational outreach that promotes young artists," Cantate Chamber Singers announces its ninth biennial Young Composers' Contest for residents of the U.S. and Canada, 35 years old or younger.

CONTEST GUIDELINES

1. The contest is limited to residents of the United States and Canada not older than 35 years at the time of entry submission.
2. Only one work per composer will be accepted.
3. Entries shall be scored for mixed choir, a cappella or with keyboard accompaniment. Required text is a Britten quote from A Simple Symphony, Op. 4 Introductory Note (text can be found on www.Cantate.org). Entries must be ten minutes or less in length.
4. Compositions must be received not later than 5:00 p.m., July 1st, 2013. Compositions may not be faxed or sent by e-mail. The winner will be notified in October 2013.
5. Four clearly reproduced copies of the entries must be submitted for judging. Copies not readable will be eliminated from the contest and the composer so notified.
6. Composition copies will be returned only if sufficient postage accompanies a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Applicants are strongly urged to retain a copy of the entry, as Cantate cannot be responsible for material lost in transit.
7. Entries must be clearly identified as to title and source of text. The composer's name must not appear on the copies. A pseudonym shall be clearly printed on the manuscript and on the Application Form. Compositions are to remain anonymous to the judges.
8. Cantate Chamber Singers claims the right for first performance; therefore, compositions must be new works, never before performed in any form in public, outside a studio or classroom in an academic forum or workshop setting. Entries may have been previously submitted in other contests, providing that no part of the composition has been a prize-winning entry.
9. Performance of the prize-winning piece is offered during the 2013-2014 season; however, Cantate reserves the right to award the prize without performing the work. It also reserves the right to make no award, if in the opinion of the judges, the compositions submitted do not meet standards of excellence.
10. The Britten-Pears Foundation has given permission to Cantate's 9th Young Composers' Contest to use the required Britten quote as posted on www.cantate.org.

APPLICATION FORM

CANTATE CHAMBER SINGERS YOUNG COMPOSERS' CONTEST

(Please print)

Name Mr/Ms _____

Present address _____

(Street)

(City/State/Zip)

Phone (____) _____ Email: _____

Permanent address (if other than above) _____

(Street)

(City/State/Zip)

School name (if applicable) _____

Age _____ Date of birth _____

Pseudonym _____

(This pseudonym must be clearly printed on each copy. The applicant's name shall not appear thereon.)

Title of composition _____ Performance time _____

I certify that the above-titled composition is my original work; that it has not been published nor performed in any form in public, outside a studio or classroom; and that it has not been awarded any prize heretofore.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANT

- 1) The application package shall contain the following:
 - a) Application Form, completed and signed.
 - b) Four clearly reproduced copies of the entry to be submitted for judging.
 - (a) Copies not distinctly readable will be eliminated from the contest, and the composer notified.
 - c) A self-addressed, stamped envelope with sufficient postage to secure the return of copies, should the submitter wish their return.
- 2) Entries must be clearly identified as to title. The composers' names must not appear on the copies. A pseudonym shall be clearly printed on the manuscript and Application Form. Compositions are to remain anonymous to the judges.
- 3) Entry packages must be received not later than 5:00 p.m., July 1st, 2013. Applications received after this date and time will not be accepted.

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