

Lutheran Youth Choir of North America International Choral Composition Contest

Entry Requirements and Guidelines

All composers who desire to contribute to the genre of excellent sacred music suitable for high school age singers are invited to enter a new choral composition contest- with a \$500 prize. The winning composition will be premiered by Lutheran Youth Choir of North America on its 2010 tour.

Entry Deadline is April 1, 2010

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER?

1. Composers from any country, of any religious background or none, who are age 18 or older by the entry deadline: April 1, 2010.
2. Anyone who is not an officer of the Lutheran Youth Choir of North America.

WHAT ARE THE COMPOSITION CATEGORIES AND PRIZES?

1. A \$500 prize will be awarded to the winning composer. Only one prize will be awarded.
2. The winning composition will be premiered by the Lutheran Youth Choir of North America on its 2010 tour.
3. Composers may submit as many compositions as they wish. Each composition must be treated as a separate entry, accompanied by the required entry materials.

WHAT ARE THE COMPOSITION REQUIREMENTS?

1. *Duration*: approximately 3-5 minutes.
2. *Voicing*: SATB chorus with optional *divisi* to no more than 8 parts (SSAATTBB).
A limited amount of solo writing within the piece is acceptable.
3. *Accompaniment options*: either unaccompanied/a cappella OR piano/organ
4. *Text* must be sacred and must be in English.
If the composer is not the author and copyright holder of the lyrics submitted or the lyrics are not in the public domain, the composer must enclose a written statement of permission authorized by the copyright holder.
5. Composers are at liberty to choose the composition's style and form, but work must be suitable for high school age singers.

WHAT ARE THE ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

In addition to meeting the composition requirements above, submitted works:

1. Must be original, *not* an arrangement of another composer's work.
2. Must currently be unpublished and must *not* be published prior to April 1, 2010.

WHAT IS THE PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIALS?

1. The following items must be submitted with each composition:
 - a) One high-quality copy of the full score.
 - b) A legibly completed entry form, together with an entry fee (check) of \$25, payable to Lutheran Youth Choir of North America.
 - c) Written statement of permission signed by the copyright holder, if the text is under copyright protection.
2. Entries printed using music notation software are encouraged. Legibly handwritten entries are also acceptable. A manuscript size of 8-1/2"x 11" is preferred.
3. The composer's name and any other identifying information must not appear anywhere on the music. The composer's name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address should appear **only** on the entry form.
4. No recordings will be accepted.
5. Compositions must be mailed. Faxed or e-mailed compositions will not be accepted. Please do not send your original manuscript as LYCNA cannot be responsible for materials lost in transit.
6. Each composer will be notified by mail or e-mail of receipt of the entry.
7. Scores will be returned only if the composer provides a self-address envelope with appropriate postage affixed.
8. The following will be considered ineligible: Late entries; Incomplete entries; Illegible copies; Any entries with composer identification on the scores; Entries which do not follow submission requirements.
9. All decisions are final.

HOW WILL THE ENTRIES BE JUDGED?

1. Entries will be judged by the Choral Composition Contest Committee of the Lutheran Youth Choir.
2. If, in the opinion of the judges, no composition meets the expected standards, no award will be given.
3. Criteria for selection include demonstration of choral compositional ability, evidence of an individual creative voice, as well as suitability for performance by a high school age choir.
4. The decision of the contest committee will be final. No correspondence may be entered into regarding the award.

HOW WILL THE APPLICANTS BE NOTIFIED OF RESULTS?

1. All applicants will be notified of contest results by mail no later than May 1, 2010.
2. A public announcement of the winning composition will be made at the pre-tour service at Faith Lutheran Church. Winners also will be announced at that time on the LYCNA website and through customary publicity channels.
3. Each winning composer will be contacted by LYCNA to follow through on details regarding:
 - a) *Distribution of prize money.* Before a check is issued for the prize, the composer will be required to first sign a form confirming the rights granted to the Lutheran Youth Choir as stated below.
 - b) *Final version of score and parts.* The composer must provide a new score bearing the composer's name and appropriate dedication as listed below.

WHAT RIGHTS ARE GRANTED TO THE LUTHERAN YOUTH CHOIR?

1. The following dedication must be included in all manuscript and published editions of the winning compositions:

***Winner of the 2010 Lutheran Youth Choir of North America
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2. LYCNA will have the right to make copies for distribution to the members of the summer 2010 Lutheran Youth Choir, its conductor, and accompanist.
3. Each winning composer will be asked to provide biographical information for publicity purposes. LYCNA will have the right to use the composer's name and composition title in future LYCNA communications.

WHAT RIGHTS ARE GRANTED TO THE COMPOSER?

1. Copyright ownership will be retained by the composer.
2. Publication rights will be retained by the composer.

10) WHAT IS THE CONTACT INFORMATION?

E-mail:

or write to:

(The Contest Entry form can be found on the next page.)

Lutheran Youth Choir of North America International Choral Composition Contest Submission Form

Composer Information (please print):

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Day: _____ Evening: _____

Email: _____

Birthdate (day/month/year) _____

Composition Information and Declaration:

Composition Title: _____

Text Source: _____

Is the text under copyright? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, you must include a copy of written permission from the copyright holder.

Please sign this declaration: This is an original composition that has not been previously published. I hereby give my permission to the Lutheran Youth Choir of North America to perform this work during its 2010 tour, should it be chosen as the winning entry.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submission Requirements:

- a) **One** clearly legible photocopy of the score
 - b) **One** copy of this submission form
 - c) **Entry fee of \$25 (check)**, payable to Lutheran Youth Choir of North America
- Optional:* A stamped, self-addressed envelope so that we may return your score.

Submissions must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2010.

Please send a separate form for each score, and one copy of each composition to:

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Etc.