2020 Young Composers Composition Contest

Annually since 1997, the Young Composers Composition Contest is intended to identify and encourage exceptionally talented young composers in Texas. High school, undergraduate, and graduate students in Texas under the age of 30 (at the time of submission) are invited to submit original music compositions for evaluation. Submitted compositions are evaluated on the basis of artistic merit, technical mastery and originality. In addition to the scores, recordings are encouraged, but not required.

From these submissions, four winning composers are selected to receive cash prizes, and the first place winners will have their works performed by Voices of Change professional musicians in the fall of 2020 at SMU prior to or part of a Voices of Change concert. A submission confirmation will be sent, followed by complete performance details, as they become available.

For 2020, composers are invited to submit works of 3- 5 minutes for any combination of the following instruments: violin, cello, and marimba. The application & scores should be received by Voices of Change no later than May 1, 2020. The deadline has been extended July 1, 2020.

All submitting composers will be invited, as special guests, to attend the working rehearsal, a public performance of the winning works, the Voices of Change concert in the Fall 2020 and a reception following.

Note: Winning composers must be present to receive their cash prize.

Cash prizes for winning composers will be awarded as follows:

| College Level | 1st Place – $200 | 2nd Place – $100 |
| High School Level | 1st Place – $100 | 2nd Place – $50 |

Deadline for submissions: May 1, 2020  July 1, 2020
Decisions announced by June 1, 2020  August 1, 2020

Voices of Change Contact Information: (214) 378-8670 or newmusic@voicesofchange.org
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Application Form

Name of Composer ________________________________________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________________________________________

Phone # __________ E-mail __________________ Age on 5/1/2020 __________

Title of Composition ________________________________________________________________

Category: ___ University ___ High School

Instrumentation: mark all that apply: ___ Violin ___ Cello ___ Marimba

Name of School ________________________________________________________________

Composition Teacher ________________________________________________________________

Please attach a brief biography (200 word max), including musical activities.

By signing below, applicant certifies that the composition submitted is his/her original work.

Applicant Signature___________________________________________ Date __________

Note: If your composition is selected for performance, you must be present at the rehearsal and concert in the fall of 2020 in order to receive your cash award. (Date & Location is pending). Scores may be submitted via post or email:

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In PDF format via email to newmusic@voicesofchange.org.

Recordings may be submitted via email. Accepted file formats are .wav, .aif or mp3. MIDI files are also acceptable.