

GUIDELINES

DELAWARE VALLEY CHORALE

2012 COMPETITION FOR YOUNG CHORAL COMPOSERS

The Delaware Valley Chorale (DVC) is an adult community chorus of approximately 50 voices based in Wilmington, Delaware. As part of its mission, DVC has established a competition to encourage and recognize young choral composers

Competition Prize

- The prize will be a cash award of \$500. DVC reserves the right not to award a prize.
- The winning composition will be performed by DVC during the 2012-2013 season. The winner will be invited to hear his/her composition performed and will be given an archival recording of the performance.

Rules of the Competition

- The composer must be 30 years old or younger as of March 1, 2012.
- Composers may submit an unlimited number of compositions. Each entry must be submitted individually with a separate \$10 entry fee and application form.
- Submissions must be original and not arrangements or harmonizations of existing works.
- At the time of submission, compositions must not have been previously performed or recorded.
- The composition may be in any musical style, but must be performable by an experienced community chorus.
- The composition may be *a cappella* or accompanied by piano and should be primarily for four parts (SATB); some division within each section would be acceptable.
- Duration of the composition should be 3-8 minutes.
- Any language is acceptable. If not English, a literal translation must accompany the score. If the language is other than English, French, German, Spanish, Italian or Latin, a pronunciation guide is also required.
- For any text not in the public domain, written permission from the publisher or author must be submitted for its use and performance.
- Receipt of prize money shall constitute agreement by the composer for DVC to perform the work and to record it for archival purposes. This agreement also gives DVC the right to post the recording on its website with the provision that the sound file cannot be downloaded.
- DVC will photocopy and retain a set of scores of the winning piece for use in performance, and no additional fee for copies (over and above the prize money) will be paid to the composer/publisher/copyright holder.
- Composers retain full rights to the compositions submitted for this competition.

Competition Timeline

- Competition rules and applications forms will be available at www.delawarevalleychorale.org or by mail upon request beginning July 1, 2011.
- Deadline for entries to be received is March 1, 2012.
- Winner will be notified by May 1, 2012.
- Winner will be publicly acknowledged.
- After the public announcement of the winner, the announcement will be posted on the DVC website www.delawarevalleychorale.org.
- The winning composition will be performed by DVC during the 2012-2013 season.

Selection Process

- Composers will receive confirmation of receipt of scores, but scores will not be returned.
- Incomplete submissions will not be considered.
- A jury will determine the winning composition.

Submission Requirements

- Entries must be **received no later than March 1, 2012.**
- The submission package for each composition entered must include:
 - Check for application fee of \$10 (US) made payable to **Delaware Valley Chorale.**
 - Signed application form with complete contact information.
 - Six (6) hard copies of the score, which is a legible, performance-ready score of professional quality.
 - Text translation (if applicable).
 - Pronunciation guide (if applicable).
 - Written permission for use and performance of the text (if applicable).

Mail submission packet to: (emailed or faxed submissions will not be accepted.)

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