

# 2010 Composition Competition

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ClefWorks, Inc. is pleased to announce its 2010 annual Composition Competition. One winning submission will be selected to be performed by the Fireworks Ensemble during ClefWorks' February 2011 Festival. The composer of the selected composition will receive \$1,000 as well as reasonable travel expenses from any location within the continental United States to the Festival to participate in rehearsals and attend the performance.

ClefWorks® is a nonprofit chamber music organization that incorporates new and traditional music with other relevant art forms and a unique social twist. The Composition Competition is designed to encourage the creation of original works for chamber music ensembles and to enable a new collaboration between performers and composers. ClefWorks held its Premiere Season in Montgomery, Alabama, during the summer of 2007, and extraordinary composers have been able to premiere their original compositions each season since then. Information about the festival, musicians, programs and previous Composition Competitions may be found at [www.clefworks.org](http://www.clefworks.org).

This year's Composition Competition will allow a greater opportunity for variety and innovation because of the unique combination of instruments available with the Fireworks Ensemble for the premiere performance of the work. This "explosive" ensemble "transcends the traditional chamber music world", according to Bob Banister of *Time Out New York*, giving chamber music "a kick in the pants", according to Stephen Brookes of *The Washington Post*. For more information about these judges and performers, see [www.fireworksensemble.com](http://www.fireworksensemble.com).

## RULES AND DETAILS:

**Eligible Compositions:** The composition must be original. Compositions must be written for any combination of at least four of the following instruments:

Violin

Cello

Electric Guitar

Electric Bass

Flute

Soprano, Alto or Tenor Saxophone

Drum Set or Marimba

Piano or Keyboard

**Submissions:** Please submit one copy of the full score. So judging can be anonymous, the composer's name should NOT appear on the composition itself. Please submit a cover letter stating your name, email address, phone number, mailing address and the title of the composition, along with an accompanying program note and bio. The title of the work should appear on each of the sheets of the submitted composition.

**Prize:** The winner will receive \$1,000 as well as reasonable travel expenses from any location within the continental United States to ClefWorks' February 2011 Festival, along with lodging at the Festival to participate in rehearsals and attend the performance.

**Age limit:** There is no age limit.

**Entry fee:** A fee of \$25, in money order or personal check drawn on a U.S. bank, payable to ClefWorks, Inc. should accompany your submission.

**Deadline for submission:** Compositions must be received at the address shown below by November 1, 2010 to be guaranteed consideration.

**Mail entries to:** ClefWorks 2010 Composition Competition, P. O. Box 242307, Montgomery, AL 36124-2307

**Festival Dates:** February 25-March 2, 2011. The winning composition will be performed February 28.

**Judges:** Finalists and the ultimate winner will be selected by the Fireworks Ensemble. If Fireworks is interested in performing or recording any additional compositions after the Competition, they will work directly with composers.

**Announcement of Winner:** The winner will be announced by December 8, 2010. A public announcement will be made, and the winning composer will also be contacted personally. The result will also be posted at [www.clefworks.org](http://www.clefworks.org).

**Other Information:**

- Recordings may be included with the submission but are not required.
- There is no time limit for compositions, but the winning work should not be so long that it precludes other works from being performed during the same program.
- If you wish to have your composition returned, please include an appropriate self-addressed stamped envelope.
- More than one composition may be submitted, but an entry fee must accompany each submission.
- Programs for future performances of the winning work must acknowledge the Composition Competition award.

**Questions?** Contact Ken Stephens or Betty-Bobbitt Byrne at [info@clefworks.org](mailto:info@clefworks.org).

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