



## 2009 Composition Competition

ClefWorks, Inc., announces its 2009 annual Composition Competition. This year the competition is open to works for string quartet (two violins, one viola, and one cello). One winning submission will be selected to be performed by the JACK Quartet during ClefWorks' January 2010 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 ClefWorks' January 2010 Festival and lodging at 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 works each season since then. The winning works have been performed from Montgomery all the way to Carnegie Hall, and the number of high-quality works submitted continues to grow. Information about the festival, musicians, programs and previous Composition Competitions may be found at [www.clefworks.org](http://www.clefworks.org).

The finalists and winner of the Competition will be selected by the JACK Quartet, a New York-based quartet praised for its "powerhouse playing" by the Chicago Sun-Times and its "extraordinary precision" by the Boston Globe. The commissioning and performance of new works for string quartet is integral to the JACK Quartet's mission, leading them to work closely with composers Helmut Lachenmann, György Kurtág, Matthis Pintscher, Wolfgang Rihm, Elliott Sharp, Samuel Adler, and Aaron Cassidy with performances at Carnegie Hall, La Biennale di Venezia, the Lucerne Festival, the Wittener Tage für neue Kammermusik, and the Festival Internacional Chihuahua. The winning composition will immediately become part of the JACK Quartet's repertoire. Do not miss this opportunity! For more information about our judges and performers, please visit [www.jackquartet.com](http://www.jackquartet.com).

### **RULES AND DETAILS:**

**Submissions:** Please submit one copy of the full score. The composer's name and title of the composition must be clearly marked on the cover of each copy. Recordings may be included but are not required. Please submit a cover letter stating your name, email address, phone number, mailing address and the title of the composition. Include an accompanying program note as well as your bio. The winner will be required to provide individual parts for the performance. Please include an appropriate SASE if you wish your materials returned.

**Prize:** The winner will receive \$1,000 as well as reasonable travel expenses from any location within the continental United States to ClefWorks' January 2010 Festival and lodging at the Festival to participate in rehearsals and attend the performance.

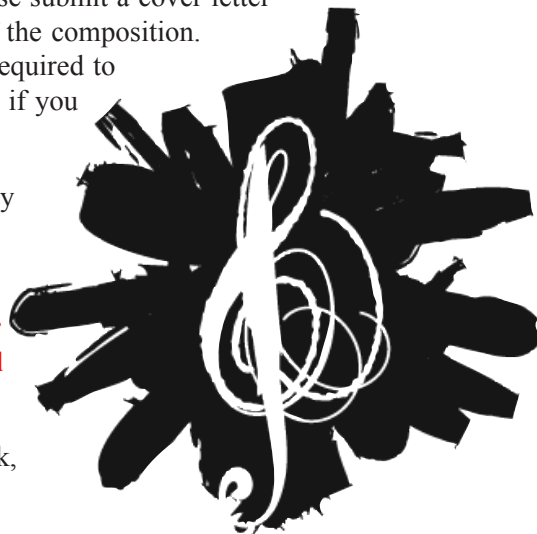
**Deadline for submission: Compositions must be postmarked by October 10, 2009 and received within seven days of the postmark to be guaranteed consideration.**

**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.

**Mail entries to:** ClefWorks 2009 Composition Competition, P.O. Box 242307, Montgomery, AL 36124-2307.

**Announcement of Winner:** The winner will be announced by November 5, 2009. A public announcement will be made, and the winning composer will also be contacted personally. The result will be posted on the ClefWorks website at [www.clefworks.org](http://www.clefworks.org) as well.

**Questions? Contact us at [info@clefworks.org](mailto:info@clefworks.org)**



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*2008 ClefWorks Competition Winner: "Quartet for Violin, Viola, Cello, and Piano" (1999/2008) by Scott Robbins  
2008 Finals Jury: The Penderecki String Quartet*