

PALOUSE CHORAL SOCIETY

*Celebrating choral music through masterful performances,
educational outreach, and cultural enrichment.*

First Annual Composition Contest

The Palouse Choral Society eagerly announces its first composition contest as part of its goal to perform new music and champion the works of emerging composers.

The Palouse Choral Society will premiere the winning composition at its fall concert on Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

Eligibility: All composers are eligible regardless of educational level or past experience.

Award: The winning composer will receive a \$500 honorarium.

Submission Details: Submit a PDF score via email to matt.palouse.choral@gmail.com.

The score should be engraved using music notation software (Finale, Sibelius, NoteFlight, etc.).

You may include an MP3 recording (MIDI or live musicians), but this is not required.

Title your email as "PCS Composition Contest Submission."

Parameters:

Duration - The work should last 2-4 minutes in total. (Multimovement works which fit within these parameters are acceptable.)

Text - The text must be original or in the public domain. Liturgical texts are acceptable. If you use a copyrighted text, you must provide a letter of permission from the copyright owner. The piece may be in any language, but texts in languages aside from English, French, German, Italian, Latin, Spanish, or Ukrainian should include a pronunciation guide.

Voicing - SATB choir. Some divisi is acceptable, especially in soprano/alto parts, but no more than SSAATTBB. Short solos are acceptable, but do not feature a soloist for the entire work.

Instrumentation - A cappella or with piano. You may include one obbligato instrument. If the work is a cappella, please include a piano reduction in the score.

Composition Date - The work should have been composed in the past five years.

Publication - The work must not yet be published.

Originality - The work should be an original composition, not an arrangement.

Performance History - The work must not have been performed publicly prior to October 30, 2022. The work will receive its world premiere at the PCS fall concert.

Limits on Entries - Composers may submit up to two works per year.

Deadline: June 1, 2022.

Required: PDF score of work.

Required (if applicable): Permission letter from text's copyright owner, pronunciation guide.

Optional: Recording of work.

Winners will be announced by July 1, 2022. If no entries are suitable, the Chorale reserves the right not to select a winner. Second place and third place may be recognized, but only the winning composition will be performed.

Evaluation: A panel of 2 guest judges and the PCS artistic director will review all submissions.

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