

2015 Hendrix College Candlelight Carol Competition

For the past 50 years, the Hendrix College Choir has been presenting an annual service of lessons and carols known as the *Candlelight Carol Service*. Four performances are held each December in Greene Chapel on the campus of Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas. Additionally, the Choir tours regionally, performing the service in Methodist churches in Arkansas and neighboring states. In total, over 1,500 audience members, including students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members attend the service each year. It is a beloved tradition of the Christmas season throughout the community and region.

The Choir, under the direction of Dr. Andrew Morgan, is pleased to announce the beginning of the **Hendrix College Candlelight Carol Competition**. The winning composition will be performed in all Candlelight services this year. The work's composer will receive an award of \$1,000.00, up to \$300.00 in travel reimbursement to attend a performance, and a recording of their work following the conclusion of the Services.

The competition is open to composers of any age. Submitted works must be unpublished and have received no prior performances. Compositions must be composed for a collegiate mixed-voice choir (SATB) of 40 voices, up to 5 minutes in duration, and may be either *a cappella* or feature organ accompaniment (no piano or *obbligato* instruments). Texts may be in any language and must be seasonally appropriate for use in the lessons and carols service setting. Composers must obtain and demonstrate written permission for the use of any copyrighted texts used in the composition.

Compositions must be submitted electronically in their final version (complete scores only; do not send recordings or MIDI files) by **August 1, 2015**. Submissions will be screened for completeness and compatibility with the Candlelight Service. A committee, including Dr. Andrew Morgan and Dr. Karen Griebing (both of Hendrix College), a Hendrix College music student, Dr. Matthew Mehaffey (University of Minnesota-Twin Cities), and Dr. Stephen Caldwell (University of Arkansas), will review finalists and select a winner, who will be notified by **September 15, 2015**.

Contest Guidelines

- Submitted works must be unpublished and unperformed. The Hendrix Choir will give the world premiere of the winning composition.
- Submitted works must be complete and in their final version at the time of submission.
- The composer must leave his or her name off the composition (title page as well as subsequent pages) in order to ensure anonymity in the adjudicating process.
- Compositions must be written for SATB choir of approximately 40 voices (plus *divisi*, if necessary), and must be either *a cappella* or accompanied by organ (2 manuals, read

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- Maximum duration of 5 minutes.
- Texts may be in any language, and must be seasonally appropriate for use in a lessons & carols service.
- The composer must obtain and show evidence of permission for the use of copyrighted texts in a separate document, to be submitted along with the composition.

Submission Guidelines

Composers must submit the following materials as attachments to a single email message by **August 1, 2015**, sent to **carolcompetition@hendrix.edu**:

- Complete score, submitted as a single .PDF document. Recordings will not be accepted, nor will paper submissions. As the adjudicating process will be blind, the composer's name must not be included on any pages of the composition.
- The composer's name must be included only in the text of the email itself, along with email and phone contact information.
- A separate MS Word document detailing the source of the text and its copyright status. If the text is under copyright, show evidence of permission for the use of this text.
- One page of program notes (optional). N.B.: the printed program of the Candlelight Carol Service cannot accommodate a large body of program note texts. Therefore, the composer must accept that his or her notes will be excerpted and edited by Dr. Morgan for use in the Service program.

Send any questions to Dr. Andrew Morgan (morgana@hendrix.edu).