

Cambridge Young Composer of the Year Competition 2017

Deadline for entries: Monday October 2nd 2017

Composition Brief

Entrants must be 17 years or under on 31 August 2017 and live or attend school in Cambridgeshire or Hertfordshire. You are invited to write a piece of music up to a maximum performance length of 5 minutes. This can, if you wish, be inspired by this year's Cambridge Festival of Ideas theme of **Truth**. The instruments available for this year's competition are a piano trio:

Piano

Violin

Cello

Compositions may be written for any combination of the above instruments/voice but you must write for **at least two** of them. See below for the full competition rules.

Please note - to enable us to perform entries at the competition final, pieces should include no more than one of each of the instruments listed above.

Entries will be judged by composer Ewan Campbell and all entries will be performed by members of the **Phaedra Ensemble** at the Competition Finals on Wednesday 25 October, 2017, 11am to approx. 5.30pm in Robinson College, Cambridge. Composers will be given verbal and written feedback on their work. There will be a Class Winner and Highly Commended awards for each age group.

Winning entries from the Cambridge competition, and from the new Snape Young Composer of the Year competition (covering Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex), will be performed at a concert at West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge at 5pm on Sunday 29 October 2017 when a new piece by last year's Cambridge Young Composer of the Year, Alexia Sloane, will also be performed.

Competition Rules

- Compositions must be sent to arrive no later than Monday October 2nd 2017 **together with a completed entry form** (provided at the end of this document).
- **We require a copy of the full score and a copy of each individual part.** Please do NOT include the composer's name on the score or parts as the entries are judged anonymously.
- Compositions should be sent by email, preferably as PDF files (either saved from composing software or scanned from legible, hand-written manuscript) to enquiries@cambridgeyouthmusic.org.uk
- Competitors must live in either Hertfordshire or Cambridgeshire (excluding Peterborough) or study full-time in either county.
- Competitors must be 17 years of age or under on 31st August 2017.
- Compositions must be the competitor's own work and should not have won a prize in another competition or been performed at a public concert (school performances not included).
- Entries will be judged in three age groups (as of August 31st 2017):
 - 11 and under
 - 12 – 14 years
 - 15 – 17 years
- The decision of the judge and organisers will be final

Further information:

Email: enquiries@cambridgeyouthmusic.org.uk/**Tel:** 01954 212298/www.cambridgeyouthmusic.org.uk

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Competition Entry Form

Copies of this form are available to download via the Cambridge Youth Music website
(www.cambridgeyouthmusic.org.uk)

Competitor's name	
Title of composition	
Instrumentation used	
Male/Female (M/F)	
Date of birth	
Age on 31 August 2017	
School/College name	
School/ College postcode	
Home address	
Home phone number	
Mobile	
Email address	
Entry No (Office Use Only)	

I am sending:

A full score and individual parts for my composition preferably as PDF files (either saved from composing software or scanned from legible, hand-written manuscript).

NOTE: Please do NOT put your name on any part of your composition as the competition will be judged anonymously.

By entering this competition you agree you have read the rules of the competition and agree to abide by them.

Please email this completed entry form along with your composition submission to: Cambridge Youth Music:
enquiries@cambridgeyouthmusic.org.uk

Please support the competition

This competition is run by the charity Cambridge Youth Music with support from Cambridgeshire Music Hub and Cambridge Music Education Outreach at the Faculty of Music. We depend on donations and grant funding to keep the competition going. If you would like to support this work please consider making a donation to Cambridge Youth Music.

Please make cheques to Cambridge Youth Music and send them to Cambridge Youth Music, 11 Sadlers Close, Coton, Cambridge CB23 7PF with the completed Gift Aid form below if applicable.

Gift Aid. If you are a UK taxpayer, we can claim an additional 25p for every pound you donate, at no extra cost to you.

I want this and further donations to Cambridge Youth Music to be treated as a Gift Aid donation. I understand that I must pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax the charity reclaims on my donation in the tax year.

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