



COMPOSER OF THE YEAR

SIoux CITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
MUSIC DIRECTOR | RYAN HASKINS

“CALL FOR SCORES”

2023 COMPOSER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

The Sioux City Symphony Orchestra and Music Director Ryan Haskins are pleased to issue a "Call for Scores" for the SCSO's 2023 Composer of the Year Competition.

The Sioux City Symphony Orchestra is committed to educating, developing, and promoting American composers. The SCSO Composer of the Year Competition is designed to annually highlight one talented composer who is currently in the early stages of their professional career. In addition to a One-Thousand US dollars (\$1,000.00) monetary prize, the SCSO's Composer of the Year will receive a premiere performance by the Sioux City Symphony, press/media coverage, scheduled lectures at selected local colleges and universities, and involvement in a variety of other community-related outreach programs.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Applicants must be US Citizens in the early stages of their professional careers.
2. Submitted work may have yet to receive a performance or a reading by a professional orchestra. (school/conservatory performances do not count as professional readings/performances)
3. Work should be five (5) to fifteen (15) minutes in length.
4. Not eligible are concertos and choral works.
5. Instrumentation must not exceed:

2 fl [1.2/pic], 2 ob [1.2/eh], 2 cl [1.2/bcl], 2 bsn [1.2/cbn], 4 hn, 2 tp, 2 tbn, 1 b-tbn, 1 tuba, timp +2, pf/cel, str

SUBMIT: (COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023)

1. Score must be submitted in PDF format
2. One (1) computer-generated score of a work written within the last five (5) years
3. A recording is required (MIDI is acceptable)
4. One (1) current curriculum vitae that includes the applicant's current address, telephone number, email address, and proof of US Citizenship
5. A short bio of the composer in PDF format (150 words max)
6. A brief description of the work and notes detailing performance history, if any, including all dates and names of performing ensembles.
7. Entry Fee of Twenty-Five US dollars (\$25.00) payable via PayPal.com link below

All materials must be submitted via email: siouxcitysymphony@gmail.com



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After the selection panel reviews all entries, the Composer of the Year will be chosen. Their work will be performed on Saturday, November 18, 2023, by the Sioux City Symphony Orchestra. The Composer of the Year will travel to Sioux City and be a part of the rehearsal process for the premiere of their work, in addition to other scheduled community outreach activities.

The selection panel will include Music Director Ryan Haskins, composer Clint Needham, and other artistic team members.

Finalists will be interviewed (via phone) by the committee and are expected to speak succinctly about their work and their compositional process and offer any additional concepts that may help an audience engage with their work.

Applicants will be notified of the results by **Monday, July 3, 2023**.

Upon selection, the Composer of the Year must provide the Sioux City Symphony Orchestra with a complete set of parts (at no additional cost to the SCSO) that conform to the American Composers Forum Music Copying Guidelines.

TRAVEL

The Sioux City Symphony will provide the Composer of the Year with one (1) round-trip flight to Sioux City, IA.

LODGING

The Sioux City Symphony will provide the Composer of the Year with hotel accommodations and local ground transportation during their residency in Sioux City.

AWARD

The Sioux City Symphony will award a monetary prize of Thousand US dollars (\$1,000.00) to the named Composer of the Year (the recipient is responsible for all US taxes associated with prize money).



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SCSO COMPOSER OF THE YEAR

COMPETITION SUMMARY

DEADLINE:

Applications must be received by Monday, May 15, 2023

WHO MAY APPLY:

US Citizens / Composers in the early stages of their professional career

ENTRY FEE:

Twenty-Five US dollars (\$25.00)
(Payable via PayPal link below)

LIMITATIONS:

One (1) work per applicant will be considered
The composition must be between five (5) and fifteen (15) minutes in duration

PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP:

Copy of passport or birth certificate

INSTRUMENTATION:

maximum:

2 fl [1.2/pic], 2 ob [1.2/eh], 2 cl [1.2/bcl], 2 bsn [1.2/cbn], 4 hn, 2 tp, 2 tbn, 1b-tbn, timp +2, pf/cel, str

PRIZE:

Named SCSO Composer of the Year
One-Thousand US dollars (\$1,000.00)
Premiere performance by the SCSO (November 18, 2023)

SCORE/RECORDING/BIO:

One (1) score in PDF format is to be emailed to the address below
A recording is required. MIDI is acceptable
Short bio in PDF format (150 words max) emailed with score and entry fee



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CHECKLIST:

Email the following:

- One (1) computer-generated score in PDF format
- Recording of piece / MIDI is acceptable
- A brief description of the piece submitted
- Short composer bio (150 words max) in PDF format
- Curriculum Vitae including current address, telephone number, and email address
- Proof of US Citizenship (scan)

All materials are to be electronically submitted to siouxcitysymphony@gmail.com
(Submission Deadline: Monday, May 15, 2023)

Entry Fee - Twenty-Five US dollars (\$25.00) (payable to the SCSO via PayPal.com)



Please email all questions to
info@siouxcitysymphony.org

***Submitted compositions that do not conform to these guidelines cannot be considered for the inclusion of this Call for Scores.

***The selection panel's decision is final and reserves the right not to award a prize in a given year.

***Honorable Mention will be awarded at the discretion of the selection panel.