

2020-21 Composition Program: Open Track

Purpose: The purpose of the event is to promote and encourage composition.

Eligibility: Open to all PMEA Members and their students

Requirements: Pieces must be unpublished and created by the PMEA Member and/or their students. There are no pre-requisites for submissions.

*Please note that this is a new category in PMEA's Composition Program and is separate from the traditional format with minimum submission requirements categorized by level.

Program Rules and Procedures:

1. The sponsoring teacher must be a PMEA member.
2. Entries must be unpublished original compositions. No transcriptions or arrangements will be eligible.
3. Compositions should be no more than five – seven minutes in length. There is no minimum length requirement.
4. The purpose of the program is to encourage and promote all types of composition among people of all ages.
5. Compositions must be submitted with a full score in PDF format and a recording of the piece.
6. Be sure that your name is **NOT** listed anywhere on the score or in the audio file as all submissions are reviewed blindly.
7. All entries must be received by **11:59 p.m. February 1, 2021**. Entries received after the deadline will not be considered.
8. All rights, including copyrighting, remain with the composer(s).
9. Compositions submitted must not be published and must have not won any other competitions.
10. The panel of judges will include qualified university composition faculty, university music education faculty and/or music educators.
11. Each PMEA member/student is limited to one entry.
12. All submissions will receive feedback; some may be asked to participate in a session/webinar on composition

Evaluation criteria:

- Creative use of the elements of music
- Appropriate use of voice and/or instruments (range/playability, texture, tone color, text if applicable)
- Compositional technique and development
- Presentation (correct musical notation)

Entry Fee: \$10

Deadline: February 1, 2021.

Entry: All entries will be completed online.

Questions: Please email: compositions@pmea.net