

# Meistersingers

Presents their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Choral Composition Competition, the



**Postmark Deadline:** March 3, 2018

**Prize:**

- \$500.00
- At least one performance by Meistersingers
- Archival recording for use toward publishing

**There is a \$25 entry fee**

**Submission Guidelines:**

- Complete Competition Submission Form (can be downloaded from [www.meistersingers.org](http://www.meistersingers.org))
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- Original Composition for 4-8 part SATB choir (further division possible and range is not an issue)
- Texts should have a clear connection to the elements (earth, air, fire, water) as this is for inclusion in a concert following that theme.
- For a *cappella* choir or choir with piano accompaniment.
- 4-8 minutes long
- Must be a world premiere performance (rehearsal read-throughs are acceptable)
- Anonymous Submission
  - Remove all names (except poet, if necessary) and identifying marks;
  - Provide a sealed envelope containing your name, address, email, the title and performance history of the piece (if applicable), and phone number.
- Submit a legible, photo-copy ready, score with piano reduction for rehearsal purposes
  - including a recording (MIDI, piano, etc.) is strongly encouraged but not required.

**Selection Process:**

- The Music Director/Conductor, Brian Dehn, shall review all scores received.
- A Selection Committee, consisting of members chosen by the Music Director/Conductor and Board, shall review many of the scores received.
- The decision of the Music Director/Conductor and Selection Committee will be final.

**Winning Composer will be notified by March 25, 2018**

**Other Items of Interest:**

- This will be included in a concert of all elemental texts. Highlights include Laurdsen's 'Fire Madrigals', *Water Night* of Eric Whitacre and *Earth Song* by Frank Ticheli.
- The winning composition is scheduled to be performed in June of 2018 in the Southern California area. Meistersingers encourages the composer's attendance and cooperation in media publicity and press coverage.
- The winning composer must provide a final performance score by April 1, 2018.
- Meistersingers shall make 35 copies for the chorus, director, and rehearsal accompanist.
- There are no restrictions according to race, sex, or age or any other criteria.
- A composer may submit more than one piece.
- Meistersingers reserves the right not to select a winning composition and/or award a prize.
- A brief description of Meistersingers, including Mission Statement and type of literature performed, can be found on their website: [www.meistersingers.org](http://www.meistersingers.org)

**Send all Submissions, along with form to:**

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