

# ORCHESTRAL COMPOSITION COMPETITION

The West Suburban Symphony (WSS), based in Hinsdale, Illinois, invites early-career composers to submit an orchestral work to be considered for performance in the Symphony's fall 2019 – summer 2020 season. The winning composer will receive a \$500 prize.

## Eligibility

The composer must be enrolled in at least one undergraduate or graduate-level college course during the 2018-19 academic year.

Composition must have a performance time of 15-20 minutes and be scored for full orchestra as follows:

- Strings: first violin, second violin, viola, cello, and contrabass (assume maximum player counts of 14-12-10-8-6, minimum counts of 10-8-6-6-4).
- Winds: 2-3 flutes/piccolos, 2-3 oboes/English horns, 2-3 clarinets (may include Eb and/or bass clarinet), 2-3 bassoons (may include contrabassoon), 4 French horns, 2-3 trumpets (may include piccolo trumpet), 3 trombones (may include bass trombone), 1 tuba
- Other: 0-1 harp, 0-1 keyboard, and timpani and/or percussion parts that can be covered by 1-3 players.

## Materials required to enter the competition

- Full conductor's score for the composition, on paper, printed double-sided and spiral bound
- Synthesized electronic recording of the composition, on CD or USB thumb drive
- Proof of composer's college enrollment during the 2018-19 academic year, on paper, CD or USB thumb drive
- Photo and short biography of the composer, on CD or USB thumb drive

## Schedule

- December 31, 2018, is the postmark deadline for submission of entries, via the U.S. Postal Service, to West Suburban Symphony, P.O. Box 565, Hinsdale, Illinois 60522
- By March 1, 2019, entrants will be notified of decision regarding their composition
- By August 1, 2019, winning composer must supply the Symphony with a complete set of orchestra parts, as PDFs on a CD or USB thumb drive after consultation with the Symphony's music director
- Between September 2019 and July 2020, the WSS will perform the winning composition -- the \$500 prize will be paid upon performance of the composition

## Rights

Upon selection of the winning work, the WSS and composer will enter into an agreement that stipulates the following regarding the composition:

- Composer owns the copyright
- The WSS has rights of first performance, unlimited rights of future performances, ownership of a full set of parts, and rights to any concert recordings made of the WSS performance of the work
- If the Symphony records its performance of the work, it will provide a copy of the recording to the composer



The West Suburban Symphony is an auditioned community orchestra that performs standard orchestral repertoire, including contemporary works, in the western suburbs of Chicago. Peter Lipari has served as music director since 2001. See [www.westsubsymphony.org](http://www.westsubsymphony.org) for more.

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