

# MMEA YOUNG COMPOSERS FESTIVAL

## A CALL FOR COMPOSITIONS

Students who will be enrolled in grades K-12 in 2012-13 are invited to submit original compositions for the **MMEA Young Composers Festival**. Each student who submits a composition will receive a MMEA Certificate of Participation and written feedback on his/her piece from a professional composer. The compositions may be in any style and genre.

Each submitted composition will be considered for inclusion in the **MMEA Young Composers Recital** at the May MMEA Conference. In addition to having a composition included in the MMEA Recital, one young composer will have his/her piece performed by **Portland Symphony Orchestra during its Spring 2013 Youth Concert Series**.

### **Eligibility:**

- This festival is open to all students who will be enrolled in K-12 in the 2012-13 academic year.
- Composers must be students of an MMEA member or attend a school that has paid MMEA institutional fees for festival participation.

### **Submission Requirements:**

- Submission fee: (\$30) for each composition entry. Make check payable to MMEA.
- Each student may submit as many as two (2) compositions.
- Compositions may not exceed five (5) minutes in length. Pieces must be at least 3 minutes in length to be considered for PSO performance. Multiple movements totaling 3 to 5 minutes are acceptable.
- All entries must include a score and a recorded performance (CD). Scores and recordings will not be returned, so please do not send originals.
- MIDI files may be used as performances, but please do not submit data files (Sibelius, Finale, etc.).
- A brief program note written by the composer must accompany each entry.

### **Evaluation Criteria & Timeline:**

- Evaluation is based on five criteria: Intent, Expressivity, Artistic Craftsmanship, Originality and Overall Appeal
- The festival committee will attempt to select pieces in a variety of styles and genres representing work in three age categories (K-4, 5-8, 9-12).
- Students and teachers will receive feedback in September. The five (5) top-rated pieces will be nominated for review for inclusion in MENC's Eastern Division Young Composers Festival during Eastern Division Conference years.

### **Performance:**

- If a composition is selected for inclusion in the MMEA Young Composers Recital, the committee will assist in the recruitment of performers, but cannot guarantee a performance.
- Composers of selected compositions are expected to attend the conference and participate in all Young Composer events.

**Submissions must be postmarked by April 30, 2012 and sent to:**

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