



The Laszlo and Fran Veres Young Composer's Competition 2024

Welcome to the Foothills Philharmonic's first young composer's competition. The Foothills Philharmonic is a community orchestra in Tucson created to support diversity, and people of all ages and a range of skill levels. Our mission is to support mid-level musicians in their enjoyment of a relaxed and friendly environment, and to enhance the general community through musical and educational programs.

The contest is open to young composers in Pima, Cochise, and Santa Cruz Counties, through seniors in high school.

Entries will be judged by professional local composers and music teachers. The winner will work under the mentorship of the Foothills Philharmonic conductors, and with the orchestra, to complete and prepare the winning composition for our performance on December 10, 2024.

Find contest information at:

www.foothillspiltucson.com/competition

The Foothills Philharmonic, Inc., Young Composer's Competition, 2024.

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2024 Contest Information

Guidelines:

1. Composers may submit a complete draft of one orchestral work-in-progress. All works must be original.
2. Composers must be residents within Pima, Cochise, or Santa Cruz counties.
3. Compositions must include a PDF score created in a standard notation program such as Sibelius, Dorico, MuseScore, or Finale, an audio file (.wav or .mp3), and a PDF program-notes document, with the title and brief description of the composition and intent of the piece. The composer's name must be removed from these, so they can be judged anonymously.
4. Compositions can be up to 7 minutes in length.
5. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.
6. Composers retain all rights to their work, however the Foothills Philharmonic will not return any materials, may use some submission elements for publicity, and will post the winning composition to its website. *Note that our performances are generally filmed, recorded, uploaded to our website, and made available on YouTube.*

How to Submit:

1. Complete the submission form found at the end of this document.
Mail to: The Foothills Philharmonic, Inc.
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Tucson, AZ 85749
2. Email the three files for each piece to phil@foothillsphtucson.com, with "Young Composers" in the subject line.
 - a. PDF of full score
 - b. PDF of program notes
 - c. .wav or .mp3 audio file
 - d. Ensure there is no identifying information on these files (name, age, grade, school, etc). The submission form will maintain identity.

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Evaluation:

1. Originality – Unique, creative style, imaginative.
2. Technique – Form, structure, development, musical notation, score markings.
3. Knowledge – Of compositional medium (orchestral), instruments, and presentation of score and audio recordings.
4. General audience appeal

Policies:

1. Entries will be evaluated by professionals from the community.
2. Contest committee may disqualify any contestant who behaves unethically.
3. Submission must be received no later than June 15, 2024
4. Judging will be completed by July 30, 2024.
5. The winner will be notified by August 15, 2024.
6. The winner will work with our conductors and the orchestra, during some rehearsals (Thursday evenings, 7p-9p, dates to be determined), to complete the work in progress and ensure it's prepared for December 10, 2024 performance (~2:30pm).
7. Parent or guardian will attend rehearsals and performance if winner is a minor.

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The Foothills Philharmonic
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Application Form

***Form and emailed files are due no later than June 15, 2024
Email and mailing address are found at bottom of form.***

Student's Name: _____

Guardian's Name: _____

Guardian's Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Student's age and grade in school: _____

Music Teacher's name/contact: _____

Title of Composition: _____

Applicants agree to and will follow the Guidelines and Policies:

Student Signature (or Parent/Guardian signature if student <18 yrs)

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