

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and The National Symphony Orchestra

Music Composition Commission Call for Proposals

Deadline: September 28, 2011

The National Symphony Orchestra and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., in association with the Kentucky Arts Council, announce the commissioning of a chamber work by a resident Kentucky composer. The composer will be commissioned to write a work of approximately 10-15 minutes duration for no more than six traditional orchestral instruments.

The commission award is \$5,000. Music copying and commissioning fee are included in this amount. The composer will also receive air travel and hotel accommodations for the premiere performance at the Kennedy Center.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, United States citizens and full-time residents of Kentucky for a period of at least one year immediately prior to the proposal deadline. The selected composer must remain a resident of Kentucky for the duration of the commissioning project. For proof of Kentucky residency, applicants must submit a copy of two of the following at the time of application:

- Kentucky driver's license, which includes the date issued and expiration date
- State of Kentucky identification card, which includes the date issued and expiration date
- Kentucky voter registration verification (downloadable from the State Board of Elections' Voter Information Center website at <https://cdcbp.ky.gov/VICWeb/VIC>)
- Kentucky state income tax form (740 series) for the most recent year

Selection Process:

Proposals must be submitted to the Kentucky Arts Council and include all elements listed under Submission Requirements below. Submissions made directly to the National Symphony Orchestra will be considered ineligible and will not be accepted for review.

The Kentucky Arts Council will convene a panel of arts professionals to review all eligible applications and recommend up to three to the National Symphony Orchestra's jury, overseen by music director Christoph Eschenbach. The National Symphony Orchestra's jury will make the final selection for the commission.

Performance Expectations

Applications will be reviewed using the following Performance Expectations:

Artistic Excellence (100%)

- Excellence
- Creativity
- Individuality

Submission Deadline:

Proposals must be postmarked by September 28, 2011 or hand delivered to the Kentucky Arts Council no later than 4:30 p.m. on that date*. The proposal must be: 1) officially postmarked by U.S. Postal Service, or 2) delivered by a shipping service (e.g., UPS, Federal Express, etc.) with a paid receipt on or before the deadline date, or 3) hand delivered to the arts council office no later than 4:30 p.m. on the deadline date. If the arts council does not receive the complete proposal by the deadline date via one of the three delivery options above, your proposal will be considered ineligible. **Packages dated with internal postage meters and applications sent by FAX or e-mail will not be accepted. Please be aware that your post office may not automatically use a dated postmark. It is highly recommended that you request hand cancellation with the date included.** Note: due to postal regulations, all packages over 13 ounces must be given directly to a postal clerk at a post office, not dropped in a postal box.

*If the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or state or federal holiday, the deadline date will be the following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or a state or federal holiday.

Notification:

All applicants will be notified of their status by December 31, 2011.

Submission Requirements

Only complete proposal packets consisting of the following will be considered:

1. A cover sheet indicating the composer's name, mailing address, e-mail address, daytime telephone number and cell phone number
2. Proof of Kentucky residency
3. A resume, not to exceed four pages in length (two pages back-to-back or four single-sided pages)
4. Three scores each (may be computer generated) of three compositions, one of which must be a chamber work. (Nine scores total.) All scores, in manuscript form must be bound or clipped and clearly reproduced copies on 8 1/2" x 11" paper. All scores must clearly identify the name of the composer and indicate the date of composition.
5. Three copies of one CD recording containing all or significant portions of all three compositions for which the applicant is submitting scores

Return of Proposal Materials

Proposal material will not be returned.

Submit proposals no later than September 28, 2011 to:

Kentucky Arts Council
21st Floor, Capital Plaza Tower
500 Mero Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

For more information, contact Tamara Coffey, Kentucky Residency coordinator, Kentucky Arts Council, at tamara.coffey@ky.gov or 502-564-3757, ext. 479.

Application Checklist:

- Cover sheet
- Two proofs of Kentucky residency
- Resume
- Nine scores
- Three CDs