

## **THE 2017 GREGG SMITH NATIONAL CHORAL COMPOSITION CONTEST**

In honor and memory of the historic work of American composer/conductor Gregg Smith and the Gregg Smith Singers, the Syracuse University Setnor School of Music, Department of Choral Studies is pleased to announce the 2017 Gregg Smith National Choral Composition Contest. This is a biennial event with the specific Syracuse University Setnor School of Music choral ensemble named for each contest.

### **The award:**

Award winning composer will receive a \$1325 prize. The selected composition will be premiered April 4, 2018 at 8 PM in the Setnor Auditorium of Crouse College on the Syracuse University campus. Travel expenses to the premiere are the responsibility of the prize recipient.

### **Composer age limit:**

Composer must be 21 to 35 years of age at the time of submission.

### **Due date:**

Scores must be postmarked no later than September 30, 2017.

### **Choir to present the premiere for Spring 2018:**

The Syracuse University Singers conducted by Dr. John Warren

### **Submission criteria:**

3-4 minutes' duration

Unpublished and unperformed works only

SATB a cappella or accompanied by piano or organ; additional instruments optional

The Syracuse University Singers is the flagship choral ensemble at Syracuse University and is comprised of 34 auditioned undergraduate and graduate students, mostly majoring in music. The University Singers have recently won the Grand Prix de Florilège de Tours, France, and competed in the European Grand Prix in Varna, Bulgaria.

Rights to texts must be cleared, and evidence of copyright holder's permission must be shown.

Composer will retain the copyright of the piece.

May be secular or sacred

The SU Department of Choral Studies will retain winning manuscript for future performances.

The composer must reside in North America.

Composer must include a biography, list of works, and proof of age (copy of driver's license, passport, etc.) with submission.

Please include your name, email address, postal address, and phone number(s) in a sealed envelope together with your score. Size of manuscript must not exceed 8 ½ x 14". No scores will be returned unless a self-addressed mailer and postage are provided. The winner will be notified by October 30.

### **Submit to:**

Gregg Smith Choral Composition Contest

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