

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

Music Composition Commission**

Call for Scores from West Virginia Composers

The National Symphony Orchestra and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., in association with the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, announce the commissioning of a chamber work by a resident West Virginia composer. A resident West Virginia composer will be commissioned to write a work of approximately 10-15 minutes duration for chamber forces (two to six musicians).

The commission award is \$5,000 + travel expenses associated with the premiere. Music copying, commissioning fees, and composer's travel expenses are included in this amount.

Eligibility Requirements:

All applicants must be United States citizens who reside in the state of West Virginia.

Selection Process:

Submissions must be made to the Appalachian Education Initiative which is serving as the state coordinator, and include all elements listed under Submission Requirements, below. A panel convened by the West Virginia Division of Culture & History and the Appalachian Education Initiative will narrow the applications to three finalists. A National Symphony Orchestra jury — overseen by Principal Conductor Iván Fischer — will make the final selection of a West Virginia composer for this commission.

Submission Deadline:

Materials submitted for review must be received no later than Wednesday, March 31, 2010. Partial submissions will not be accepted. (no hand deliveries)

Notification:

Applicants will be notified by Appalachian Education Initiative of their status as finalists by April 16, 2010. The artist selected by the National Symphony Orchestra for the commission will be so notified by the NSO staff.

Submission Requirements:

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

1. A cover sheet indicating the composer's name, mailing address, email address and telephone.
2. Proof of WV residency (a photocopied current driver's license or equivalent).
3. A resume, not to exceed four (4) pages in length (two pages back-to-back, or four single-sided pages).
4. Three (3) scores each (may be computer generated) of three (3) compositions (nine scores total), one of which must be a chamber work. All scores, in manuscript form, should 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 date of composition.
5. Three (3) copies of *one* CD recording, each of which contains all or significant portions of all three works. Recordings must be cued to a five-minute segment of music and that segment must be highlighted in the scores. All copies must clearly identify the name of the composer.
6. Self-addressed, stamped packaging material suitable for the return of scores and tapes. This must have enough postage (not metered indicia) to cover mailing costs, or materials will not be returned.

All submitted material will be returned after the final selection has been made.

Send Applications by 5:00pm on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 to:

Lou Karas
Executive Director
Appalachian Education Initiative
111 High Street
Morgantown, WV 26505

Please contact Lou Karas at 304/225-0101 or lkaras@aeiarts.org if you have any questions or need any additional information about the NSO Music Composition Commission.

Application Checklist:

- q q Cover Sheet
- q q Proof of West Virginia Residency
- q q Resume
- q q Nine Scores
- q q Three Compact Discs
- q q Stamped, Self-addressed Return Envelope

**The Kennedy Center and the National Symphony Orchestra
2010 Music Composition Commission
West Virginia - Application Cover Sheet**

Name

Home Address:

Street:

City:

State: WV

Zip Code:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-mail Address:

Business Address:

Business/Organization/School:

Address:

City:

State: WV

Zip Code:

Work Phone:

Fax:

E-mail Address:

Please send the official notification of the status of my application to:

_____ Home Address

_____ Business Address

By signing below, I verify that I am a legal resident of the United States and the state of West Virginia.

Signature of Applicant

Date