



The Fair Lane Legacy Composition Competition for Young Composers

The 100th anniversary of the Henry Ford Estate – Fair Lane, the beloved home of Clara and Henry Ford, will be celebrated in late summer 2015 with a special performance on the estate's great meadow by the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra www.dearbornsymphony.org/wp. The centerpiece of the performance will be the premiere of a new composition that reflects and celebrates Fair Lane and the Ford Legacy. The attached description of the Ford Legacy will serve as an inspiration and a guide for the competition; applicants are also encouraged to visit Fair Lane and to review the following websites: www.fordhouse.org and www.henryfordestate.org.

Composers age 30 and under, with roots in Michigan, are invited to create a work for orchestra that celebrates the 100th anniversary of Fair Lane and the legacy of Clara and Henry Ford and their family.

The Prize Includes:

- The public concert performance at the Henry Ford Estate – Fair Lane in Dearborn, Michigan, by the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra conducted by the orchestra's Music Director, Kypros Markou.
- \$2,000 cash award plus a travel and lodging allowance for rehearsal and performance.
- Archival recording of the performance.
- Consideration of the composition for inclusion in future concerts of the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra.

Rules and Eligibility:

- All applications **MUST BE** postmarked by the deadline of **March 1, 2015**.
- Composer must be under the age of 30 at the time of the application deadline.
- Composer must be a current resident or native of the State of Michigan.
- Instrumentation may not exceed: 3-3-3-2, 4-3-3-1, Timp., 3 Perc., Harp and Strings.
- Performance duration should be approximately 12 to 18 minutes.
- Only one work may be submitted by each composer.
- Winning composer must be able to provide printed performance parts.
- Winning composer agrees to be present at the rehearsal and performance.
- **Only works that have not had a previous public performance** will be considered. The performance by the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra is expected to be the premiere of the winning composition.

Application Process:

- Submit **three copies** of the **full score** and a **sample printed part**. Scores must be submitted as hard copy, not as digital files.
- Composers **must not write their name** on the scores. Scores will be assigned identification codes by the Henry Ford Estate.
- Scores will be anonymously evaluated by experienced, professional musicians.
- Composers may submit CD recording of a MIDI realization, if available (3 copies). This is an option, not a requirement.
- Each entry must be accompanied by a completed **Application Form**.
- A **stamped, self-addressed envelope, with sufficient postage** must be enclosed for the return of scores and recordings.
- There is no application fee.

Send all materials to:

Fair Lane Composition Competition
c/o Edsel & Eleanor Ford House
1100 Lake Shore Road
Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236

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The winning composition will be selected by May 15, 2015.

Please Note: The Henry Ford Estate is located in Dearborn, Michigan. A map is available at www.henryfordestate.org. While the historic buildings at Fair Lane are currently closed for restoration, the grounds are open Monday through Friday until 6:00 p.m., year-round. To inquire about access to any of the buildings, please contact Paula Bedford (contact information below).

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