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Chorale Opens Second Annual Young Composers Competition

Furthering its dedication to the development of new choral music and the work of young choral composers, Los Robles Master Chorale has announced its second annual Young Artist Choral Composers Competition.

Southern California composers 35 years old or younger are invited to submit a new, original composition. The winning composer will be awarded a \$500 cash prize, and his or her composition will be performed by the chorale, under the direction of Artistic Director Lesley Leighton, at its May 5, 2012 concert in Thousand Oaks. Two honorable mentions, with a prize of \$100, may also be awarded.

The composer must reside in Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, or Santa Barbara counties. Submissions must be postmarked by December 1, 2011. No electronic submissions will be accepted.

The piece must be original (no arrangements) and never before performed or recorded, and it must be for a cappella, SATB choir. Performance length should be between three and five minutes.

Complete submission guidelines and additional information are available at <http://www.losroblesmasterchorale.org/composers.shtml>, or by contacting 805.526.SING (7464) or contest@losroblesmasterchorale.org.

With this competition, Los Robles Master Chorale continues its mission to strengthen and preserve the southern California tradition of choral music, and hopes to encourage emerging

choral composers and advance the best of contemporary and future expressions of southern California choral music.

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