

TO Compose!
A Competition for young composers
Conditions of Entry
Deadline for entry: 30th November 2010



Commencing in Spring 2010, 'TO Compose' is an exciting opportunity for aspiring composers to showcase their talent by writing a piece for Thornbury Orchestra (TO) to perform.

The competition is open to any individual (or group) from Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire and neighbouring counties. We will also include people living in the area who maybe in education elsewhere. There are 4 categories: GCSE, A level, further education (i.e. present at an educational establishment at that level on 30th November 2010) and an open class (not restricted by age or educational establishment). Each category is eligible for a £250 prize. The overall winner will receive a further £250. We will have an open rehearsal session where the top compositions will be premiered.

The piece should be written for full symphony orchestra and last around five minutes. We hope to record the open rehearsal so that the composers would have a performance of their piece.

The timetable for the competition is as follows:

Early 2010:	Letters to education establishments to invite entries
November 2010:	Closing date for entries
Mid January 2011:	Top compositions identified (up to 8)
Feb / March 2011:	Open rehearsal session to perform top compositions and final judging
May / June 2011:	Public performance of winning composition and presentation of prizes

The judging panel will include Martyn Brabbins (chair), Huw Gareth Williams and Jonathan Trim.

The Thornbury Orchestra was founded in 2002 by a group of local amateur musicians and now has more than fifty players. We are committed to nurturing young musicians and actively encourage students to join. Student membership is subsidised and children benefit from free admission to our concerts thanks to the generous sponsorship of John Lewis. We also perform concertos with local young soloists. We are thrilled to continue to work with Magnox, enabling us to provide this wonderful opportunity to promote local contemporary music for performance in the town, and maybe launch a new composer's career!

For further information and an application pack please email:

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