

# Calling All Composers!

## -3rd Annual SFAGO Composers Concert-

As part of the SFAGO's 2009/2010 program we are asking members to submit their original choral or organ compositions for a performance that will take place at the First Presbyterian Church, San Anselmo on Sunday, February 7, 2010 at 4:00 pm. The choral pieces will be performed by the choirs of First Presbyterian, San Anselmo and St. Stephen's Episcopal, Belvedere under the direction of Martha Wall and John Karl Hirten respectively.

The submitted compositions(s) can be anything that would be appropriate for a worship service or mass.

For a choral composition this could include a self-contained work, a movement from a mass, an Anglican style chant or a piece for a congregation – hymn, responsorial psalm or movement from a mass. Organ compositions could include free works, those based on an existing or original hymn tune, a free-harmonization of a hymn tune to be sung by a congregation or a work for organ and another instrument.

The submitted work should fit the following criteria:

1. It should not be published (compositions submitted to a publisher but not yet published are eligible)
2. It should be legible – computer type set or *very* legible manuscript
3. Choral compositions shouldn't be longer than 5 minutes in length and organ compositions shouldn't be longer than 7-8 minutes.
4. Choir/Congregational compositions should make use of a sacred text, suitable for a religious service.
5. Choral compositions should not be of unreasonable difficulty – a good church choir should be able to perform the piece after two rehearsals
6. Organ compositions are to be performed by the composer or someone designated by the composer.

Composers may submit more than one piece and we'll make every attempt to perform every piece submitted. Depending on how many compositions are submitted time might not permit more than one composition per composer. It is assumed that the composer grants permission to print enough copies for the choirs.

Please send your submissions to:

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Please make sure that you include contact information (phone, email address or both) so that we can contact you.

The deadline for submissions is November 15, 2009.