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EVANSVILLE PHILHARMONIC ANNOUNCES CALL FOR SCORES: COMPOSITION COMPETITION FOR YOUNG COMPOSERS

Evansville, IN - The Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra (EP) is excited to announce the launch of its **Young Composers Competition**, a new initiative for young composers, encourage the creation of innovative new works, and showcase the artistry of the EP's core ensembles — the Eykamp String Quartet and Consortium. This competition provides a platform for emerging composers to collaborate with professional musicians, engage with the community through live performance, and have their voices amplified as part of EP's ongoing mission to foster innovation and expand the reach of orchestral music.

A Platform for Emerging Composers

Open to **young composers ages 18–29 from across the United States**, the competition offers invaluable career-building opportunities. The winning composer will receive a **\$2,000 prize**, a **professional recording** of their work, and the chance to hear their piece performed live.

The Evansville Philharmonic will also cover transportation and lodging for the winner to attend rehearsals and the public premiere of their composition at the **October 2026 New Traditions Concert**.

Submission Guidelines

- **Eligibility:** Composers aged 18–29, U.S. citizens or residents
- **Duration:** Works up to 10 minutes in length
- **Instrumentation:** Compositions for chamber ensembles of **3–7 instruments** drawn from the EP core ensemble: flute, oboe, violin I, violin II, viola, cello, and marimba (additional percussion may be considered).
 - Combinations not accepted: string trio or string quartet alone.
 - Priority will be given to works that make significant use of all seven core instruments.
 - Single-track tape is permitted; live electronics are not accepted.
 - A conductor will be available if required.

Inspiring the Next Generation of Voices

“The Evansville Philharmonic is committed to fostering the next generation of composers and creating pathways for their music to be heard,” said Roger Kalia, Music Director of the Evansville Philharmonic. “This competition not only provides financial and professional support but also invites emerging composers to collaborate directly with our musicians and connect with our community.”

Full details, including application requirements and submission deadlines, can be found at:
<https://evansvillephilharmonic.org/new-traditions/>

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About the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra

Under the continued leadership of Music Director Roger Kalia, the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra remains the largest non-profit performing arts institution in the Tri-State area with a commitment to artistic excellence, diverse and creative programming inside and outside its historic Victory Theatre home, its engagement with communities throughout the state of Indiana and its ambitious approaches to music education, performance, and collaboration. In the decades since its founding in 1934, the EP has presented a range of classical, Pops, family, diversity, and holiday programming to thousands of people each year.