



**AGEHR AREA 2**  
**2015**  
**COMPOSITION CONTEST**



**2015 Young Ringers'  
Festival Composition**

**Prize: \$1000**

- An original handbell composition suitable for Young Ringers' massed ringing
- 2-3 octaves, AGEHR level 1+ 2
- Optional handchimes or other instruments may be used
- Intended Playing time: Not to exceed **three (3.0) minutes**

**2015 Festival Conference  
Composition**

**Prize: \$1000**

- An original handbell composition suitable for massed ringing
- 3-5 octaves, AGEHR level 2, 2+ or 3
- Optional handchimes or other instruments may be used
- Intended Playing time: Not to exceed **four and ½ (4.5) minutes**

**Deadline: May 1, 2014**

**Contest Rules**

1. ONLY ORIGINAL, UNPUBLISHED WORKS MAY BE SUBMITTED. **Any composition using a pre-existing melody will not be considered.** Entries may not be published or under consideration by any other contest or publisher while being considered by Area 2. **Failure to observe this rule will result in immediate forfeiture of any prizes awarded.**
2. Please use [Handbell an Handchime Notation Guide ©2010 AGEHR Music Publishing](#) as a reference guide for compositional notation.
3. Composers may enter as many manuscripts as they wish, but each one is to be sent under a separate cover.
4. To enter, **choose either A or B** from the following:
  - A. Forward the following via USPS, FEDEX or UPS (use trackable service for assured delivery):
    - i. **Ten (10) copies** of the original piece formatted for printing on 8.5" by 11" paper. Include title, category, bells used chart, optional instruments, and duration. **DO NOT INCLUDE THE COMPOSER'S NAME NOR ANY OTHER IDENTIFYING MARK(S) ANYWHERE WITHIN THESE COPIES.**
    - ii. **One (1) CD or DVD** containing one mp3 file of the composition (**DO NOT INCLUDE ANY AUDIO CONTAINING COMPOSER'S NAME OR ANY OTHER IDENTIFYING AUDIO COMMENTS**) tested for usability prior to submission.
    - iii. **One (1) cover sheet** containing composition title, intended playing time, composer's name, e-mail address, mail address, evening telephone number(s), an indication of which contest the composition is being offered for consideration and a listing of the contents of the included CD/DVD referenced above. Notification of the receipt of each entry will only be sent via email.
  - B. Electronically send the following three (3) files, each tested for usability prior to submission to: **sguse@frontiernet.net**
    - i. **One (1) pdf file** of the original piece formatted for printing on 8.5" by 11" paper. Include title, category, bells used chart, optional instruments, and duration. **DO NOT INCLUDE THE COMPOSER'S NAME NOR ANY OTHER IDENTIFYING MARK(S) ANYWHERE WITHIN THIS FILE.**
    - ii. **One (1) mp3 file** of the composition. **DO NOT INCLUDE ANY AUDIO CONTAINING COMPOSER'S NAME OR ANY OTHER IDENTIFYING AUDIO COMMENT.**
    - iii. **One (1) pdf file** containing composition title, intended playing time, composer's name, e-mail address, mail address, evening telephone number(s), an indication of which contest the composition is being offered for consideration and a listing of the contents of the included CD/DVD referenced above. Notification of the receipt of each entry will only be sent via email.
5. Decision of the judges is final. Area 2 reserves the right to select entries that, in its sole judgment, are suitable for its festivals' purpose. **Area 2 reserves the right not to award a prize in either or both categories.**
6. Winning entries will be performed at the 2015 Young Ringers' Festival and Festival Conferences.
7. Area 2 will request a suitable dedication line when the composition is published. Area 2 reserves the right to be the sole dedicatee.
8. Winning compositions may **not** be presented or played in any national, area or local festival or ringing conference prior to the 2015 Area 2 Young Ringers' Festival and Festival Conferences.
9. Area 2 adheres to copyright laws. Copyright obligations and adherence to copyright laws is expected of all composers.
10. **ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY May 1, 2014.**

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