

THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS
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THE TWELFTH BIENNIAL COMPETITION
FOR THE 2010 AGO/ECS PUBLISHING AWARD IN CHORAL COMPOSITION

- AWARD:
- \$2,000 provided by ECS Publishing
 - Performance at the 2010 National Convention in Washington, DC
 - Publication of winning composition by ECS Publishing

COMPOSITION: A work for SATB choir and organ in which the organ plays a significant role. It must be in the form of a through-composed hymn *concertato* which should include at least one *obbligato* instrument. The hymn tune used must be an original tune composed by the applicant to the following hymn text by Rae E. Whitney:

May Your Life Be Filled with Gladness

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1) May your life be filled with gladness
which will grace you all your days,
and transfigure hurts and troubles
into daily psalms of praise.

2) May your life be filled with passion,
where delight and sorrow fuse,
teaching you to find, when suffering,
gifts of joy you cannot lose.

3) May your life be filled with wonder
at the whole world God has made;
and, although your sight may falter,
may your vision never fade.

4) May your life be filled with beauty,
from which angel light reflects,
and be waiting, in excitement,
for what God will teach you next.

5) May your life be filled with Jesus,
and his love to all proclaim,
until every thought and action
offer glory to God's name!

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ELIGIBILITY: Composers of any age may submit one unpublished work along with the proper entry form. Previous winners of the AGO/ECS Publishing Award in Choral Composition are not eligible to enter.

JUDGES: Each composition will be judged by a panel of three distinguished musicians including a composer and an organist. If, in the opinion of the jury, no composition merits an award of this stature, no prize will be made. Anonymity of the entrants will be maintained throughout the competition.

DEADLINE: Compositions and entry forms must be postmarked by December 31, 2008.

APPLICATION: For an entry form and detailed instructions, write or e-mail:

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