

CHRISTMAS CAROL COMPETITION 2023

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The Competition

The LCS is pleased to announce its inaugural Christmas Carol Competition

The competition aims to showcase new and exciting composers, whilst expanding the ensemble's seasonal repertoire. The winner of the competition will have their piece performed at the London Choral Sinfonia's Christmas Concert on Tuesday 19 December 2023 at St John's Smith Square.

Judges

This year's competition will be judged by LCS Artistic Director, **Michael Waldron**, LCS Composer-in-Residence, **Owain Park** and Director of Music Publishing at Oxford University Press, **Rachel Lindley**.

Entry Information

To enter the competition, please submit a PDF of your piece (no midi mock-up is necessary), which must be an original work and not have been performed or recorded before, to admin@thelcs.org by **Wednesday 1 November 2023**.

The winner will be announced on **Friday 1 December 2023**.

Prize

The winner will receive £500 and their piece will be performed at the London Choral Sinfonia's annual concert as part of the St John's Smith Square Christmas Festival 2023.

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Further Information

- The piece needs to be scored for Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass choir in 4 to 8 parts.
- The piece can include organ or piano accompaniment, or alternatively can be a *capella*.
- The piece needs to be written in either English or Latin only and the text must be in the public domain or be the original work of the composer. If the text is under copyright, a proof of permission must also be submitted with the piece.
- The piece must be an original work which has never been performed before.
- The text for the piece can be sacred or secular, though must be themed around the winter season, or Christmas.
- The piece must not exceed 4-5 minutes in length.
- Copyright for the piece remains with the composer
- Only one entry is permitted per candidate
- Please remember to include your name on your entry.
- There is no entry fee or financial obligation to the composer.