

Edmonton Youth Orchestra Composition Project

I am convinced that when you compose your own music you think about music in a different way. The surge of creativity that is required to compose can then be applied to one's own interpretations of other composers.

I would therefore like all EYO members to try to write a small piece for their own instrument. It does not have to be long (30" to 1') unless you really feel inspired and want to write a symphony. You may have a piano accompaniment if you want that I or someone else will play. You may make it all original or you may write a variation of some themes with differing characters that I have written and are placed on our website. It can be in any style (baroque, romantic, contemporary, etc.). As you can see, I would like this to be as free as possible, as long as some thought is put into it.

I will be available at almost any time to help you with the scoring, the refining of ideas, etc. Please feel free to email or phone me about this.

If we could try to have something by the Christmas break that would be great, and it would be nice to have a little performance on-line at that time. I do, however, see this as something that will be ongoing.

Good luck and let the ideas flow.

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