

Worcester College Chapel Choir, Oxford

Carol Composition Competition 2017

The Chapel Choir of Worcester College, Oxford, invites entries for its annual Carol Composition Competition. Compositions are invited from composers **aged 26 or under** to set the Advent poem, *Earth grown old*, by Christina Rossetti, for four part mixed choir (with optional divisi). Settings may be unaccompanied or with organ accompaniment and should last no longer than 4 minutes. Compositions must be currently unpublished works. The winning composition will be premiered at the College Carol Service on November 26th 2017 and may be included in the College's recorded Christmas message. Entries will be adjudicated by Professor Robert Saxton, Dr Thomas Hyde, Dr Matthew Cheung Salisbury, and Thomas Allery. The deadline for entries is **October 7th 2017**.

The winning composition will win a prize of £350.

Text to be set:

Earth grown old, yet still so green,
Deep beneath her crust of cold
Nurses fire unfelt, unseen:
Earth grown old.

We who live are quickly told:
Millions more lie hid between
Inner swathings of her fold.

When will fire break up her screen?
When will life burst thro' her mould?
Earth, earth, earth, thy cold is keen,
Earth grown old.

Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830-1894)

To Apply:

Entries should be accompanied by a short biography of the composer and sent by PDF to:

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Or by post to:

Carol Composition Competition
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to arrive no later than October 7th 2017.

All entries received will be acknowledged.