

Call for Scores

LGBTQ Pride!

The Playground Ensemble, Denver's premier new music ensemble, is seeking chamber works for our third annual Pride concert: June 5, 2020. This year's concert has an international and multicultural focus: the LGBTQ experience in countries and cultures other than the dominant US culture, as well as variant sexual and gender identity and expression in cultures where the LGBTQ labels may not apply.

There are two ways to be involved. You may do either, or both.

- 1. Submit a score of an existing work. To submit a score, go to "**To submit scores**" below. The deadline for this is 2/1/20
- 2. Apply for a commission to write a new work. To do this, scroll down further to "**To apply for a commission for a new work.**" The deadline for this is 1/1/20. The monetary award for each commission will depend on the number of pieces chosen, but will likely be in the \$300-\$500 range.

Works must meet these specifications:

- Duration: roughly 5-15 minutes (we can be somewhat flexible with the limits)
- Instrumentation: any combination of the following: 1 flute/piccolo/alto flute; 1 clarinet/bass clarinet; 2 violins; 1 viola; 1 cello; 1 percussion; 1 piano; 1 soprano or mezzo-soprano voice; 1 narrator (baritone voice); electronics.
- We have no restrictions on the identities of composers (ethnic/cultural/national, gender, sexual orientation, etc.). We hope to receive submissions from a diverse group.

To submit a score, please create a folder in Google Drive labelled 'Pride2020-your last name' and share it with playground@playgroundensemble.org by February 1, 2020, 11:59 pm MST. Decisions will be made by mid-February.

- In the folder, please include:
 - A text file (Microsoft Word, Google Doc, or similar) with:
 - A statement that you are submitting one or more scores for consideration for the Playground Ensemble's Pride concert
 - Your name as you would like it to appear in the program, with your pronouns and year of birth
 - Your phone number and email address
 - o A paragraph or two of biographical information suitable for a printed program
 - The title of your piece(s) and the year composed
 - o A paragraph or two of notes about each piece suitable for a printed program
 - Anything else you would like us to know about you or your piece(s)
 - Score(s), and parts if appropriate
 - Recording(s), if available

To apply for a commission for a new work, please create a folder in Google Drive labelled 'Pride commission-your last name' and share it with playground@playgroundensemble.org by January 1, 2020, 11:59 pm MST. Decisions will be made by mid-January, and pieces will be due by mid-April. In the folder, please include:

- A text file (Microsoft Word, google doc, or similar) with:
 - A statement that you are applying for a commission for a new work for the Playground Ensemble's Pride concert, and why you wish to be included
 - A description of the piece you wish to write, including duration, instrumentation, source of text (if any), and an explanation of how the piece fits the theme of the concert
 - Your name as you would like it to appear in the program, with your pronouns and year of birth
 - Your phone number and email address
 - o A paragraph or two of program notes suitable for a printed program
 - A link to your website, if you have one
- Scores of representative pieces
- Audio or video files of representative pieces (or include links in your text file)

Any questions? Send an email to Richard at rvcello@gmail.com.