

The Organization of American Kodály Educators announces the
2018 Ruth Boshkoff Composition Prize

PRIZE: The winning composer will be commissioned to write a new piece for the OAKE National Children's Choir (approximately 150 singers in grades 4 - 5 with treble voices). The piece will be premiered at the 2018 OAKE National Conference in **Oklahoma City, OK** with the composer being recognized during the National Conference Choirs Concert at the **Civic Center Music Hall, Saturday, March 24th, 2017**. In addition, the winning composer will receive a \$1,000 cash prize, and a complimentary DVD/CD of the performance after the conference.

APPLICATION: Composers are asked to submit a portfolio that includes two to three representative samples of their work. This portfolio can include both published works and manuscripts. (Please keep in mind that the composition premiere will be sung by a *children's choir [grades 4-5]* so any works that show your skills in writing for a similar choir set-up would be most helpful to the selection panel). There is a **\$5.00, non-refundable fee** for entering the competition. This fee is waived for active, OAKE members.

MISSION: Aspiring **non-professional** composers who are strongly interested in writing for school-age choirs are invited to enter this competition. Compositions will be judged as to their appropriateness for Kodály-trained choirs.

TIME LINE:

June 20:

~ Composers' portfolios are due. Please apply using the online form found at www.oake.org.

June 20-25:

~ Committee will select finalists. These portfolios will be submitted to Ruth Boshkoff, who will select the winner.

July 1:

~ Winner will be notified and will consult with Ruth regarding the selection of a text for the National Children's Choir piece (approximately 150 singers who will be in grades 4 - 5 with treble voices).

August 15:

~ Winner sends composition manuscript to Ruth Boshkoff for comments.

September 15:

~ Composition is completed and submitted to OAKE for inclusion in all choral packets for the 2018 National Children's Choir.

March 2018:

~ Winning compositions will be premiered by the National Children's Choir at the 2018 OAKE National Conference in Oklahoma City, OK March 22nd - 25th with the composer being recognized at the National Conference Choirs concert, Saturday March 24th.

~ Cash prize of \$1,000 will be awarded to the composer.

~ Opportunities to meet and work with the children's choir members and conductor can be arranged.

TO APPLY, PLEASE VISIT THE OAKE WEBSITE (www.oake.org) and look for the "Ruth Boshkoff Composition Prize" online application.

OAKE reserves the right to not award a prize.