

Hard Rain Soloist Ensemble

PRSF Commissioning Scheme

2023/24



Who do we want to Commission?

HRSE is offering 3 small commissions, with funds from **PRSF's Talent Development Partnership**, to emerging composers from NI. We define emerging composers as composers without a large track record of professional performances of their works and for whom one of these small commissions, and its subsequent performance, would make a difference in terms of helping kick-start their career.

Proposal Assessment

The panel's assessment of applicant's suitability for the scheme will be taken into consideration when awarding the commission, as well as the quality of the proposal.

The panel's decision will be final and no further correspondence will be entered into.

Eligibility

- Composers previously commissioned by HRSE are not eligible this year.
- Composers may still be studying, though we would normally expect that they would be at least in their 3rd year as undergraduates.
- Composers are eligible regardless of age, though we remind prospective applicants that this initiative is aimed at non-professionals and early career composers.
- As this is a PRSF (UK) funded initiative composers in ROI are not eligible.
- The commissions are aimed at composers born or domicile in Northern Ireland. Proof of domicile (utility bill with address) or birth certificate will be required to qualify for the initiative. This will be requested from successful applicants.
- It is envisaged that commissioned pieces will be no longer than 6 mins. max.

HRSE particularly welcomes proposals from women, disabled, ethnic minority, LGBTQ & non-binary candidates as these groups are currently underrepresented in contemporary classical music.

What do we want you to write?

HRSE is looking for duo or trio pieces written for any combination of the following instruments.

- **Flute (doubling picc. or alto)**
- **Bb Clarinet (doubling bass cl)**
- **Violin**
- **Cello**
- **Piano**

How do you apply?

If you are interested in this initiative please send the materials listed below to: info@hardrainensemble.com

- A 250 word proposal (What piece would you like to write? For what instruments? Why should we commission this work?)
- A short biography
- A recent example of your music (in PDF format). You may include a recording of the piece if you want (Midi is acceptable).

Deadline for the submission of proposals is **12 noon Fri 2nd June 2023**.

Applicants will be informed by **Fri 16th June 2022**.

The successful composers must be able to deliver the work before **Fri 29th Sept 2023**.