

The Wyoming Festival Call for Composer Fellows

Deadline for receipt of application: April 2, 2018

Festival duration: August 3 – 13, 2018

Festival location: Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, USA

Minimum age: 22

Application fee: \$15 administrative fee

Attendance fee: \$850 (\$350 non-refundable to be paid upon acceptance to festival to reserve your space)

Women composers: Women composers who are accepted to the festival are eligible to receive the Wyoming Festival Equality Award, a partial or full reduction of the attendance fee supported by the Equipoise Fund (www.equipoisefund.org)

Website and contact information:

wyoingfestival@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/WyomingFestival/

The Wyoming Festival is a 10-day new music festival devoted to the creation of concert music in a wild and natural setting at the AMK Ranch located at the University of Wyoming – National Park Service Research Station (www.uwnps.org) in Grand Teton National Park. Six Music Composition Fellows of all levels from across the globe will be invited to work with world-class musicians to create new music in Celebration of Grand Teton National Park.

The Composition Fellows will be invited to discuss the field of new concert music and composition, practice deep listening in a natural setting, compose using science and nature as source materials for new music, and share their music with listening seminars. The Fellows will work alongside accomplished composers Rob Deemer (www.soundcloud.com/robdeemer), Anne M. Guzzo (www.anneguzzo.com), clarinetist Stephanie Zelnick (www.stephaniezelnick.com/stephaniezelnick.com/Home.html) and professional chamber musicians from the Grand Teton Music Festival Orchestra, led by Chamber-Artist-in-Residence Holly Mulcahy, (www.hollymulcahy.com). The Wyoming Festival ensemble is a string quintet: 2 vl, vla, vc, and cb. Composers will be writing for any combination from that ensemble from solo to quintet – as a collaborative festival, suggestions from chamber players are encouraged and we ask composers to work with the performers to make your music as idiomatic and meaningful as possible. The Wyoming Festival will host a concert of Fellows' music at Grand Teton National Park and in the community of Jackson, WY.

Applicants should be interested in developing a shared new music community for future collaborations and making lifelong connections. Those with interest in nature and ecology are especially encouraged to apply.

Composition fellows will be co-housed (dormitory style) at the historic AMK Ranch in the Johnson Lodge (<http://uwnps.org/facilities/>) Shared amenities include a living room, meeting space, bathrooms, and kitchens. Laundry, groceries, and other Park amenities are a short distance away and Fellows will have access to these services.

To Apply: please e-mail the following to: wyoingfestival@gmail.com

1. Name, address, e-mail, and phone number.
2. Either a .pdf of the score for an existing piece you would like to have performed for any combination of instruments from a string quintet (2 vl, vla, vc, cb)
OR
a pdf of a piece that represents your string writing (any instrumentation so long as one is an orchestral string) should you wish to compose a new work.

If you choose the second option, upon acceptance, your deadline for a new piece will be June 15, 2018. Duration of work sample audio and pieces should be no longer than 7 minutes for either option. Excerpts of individual movements from a piece are acceptable.

3. A link to a recording of the piece you have submitted. (A MIDI .mp3 is acceptable if no performance is available). If you would prefer to send us an .mp3, please contact us or send with a file sharing link such as Dropbox.
4. A brief bio (please note, we are accepting ALL levels of composers, including students and professionals.)
5. \$15 administrative fee to the UW-NPS Research Station.

To pay the administrative fee with a credit card, go to www.uwnps.org and click on the Pay button in the upper right corner. Click on the Wyoming Festival option. For the Description field, use "Application – *Lastname*".

If you prefer to pay by check, make the check out to: "UWNPS Research Station" and put "Wyoming Festival" in the memo line.

Mail the check to:

UWNPS Research Station
1000 E. University Ave., Dept 3166
Laramie, WY 82071

6. Optional: any additional information you would like the judges to know about your interest in wild places, this festival, your collaborative nature, etc. For questions or more information, e-mail wyoingfestival@gmail.com.