

competition for composers

(Patron: Judith Weir CBE)

In two categories: over 25 and under 25

TO WRITE A LOVE SONG FOR SOLO PIANO OF MAXIMUM 4 MINUTES' DURATION

PRIZES:

A cash prize of £750 for the winning piece (over 25s)

A cash prize of £500 for the winning piece (under 25s)

A performance by pianist William Howard of the two winning pieces will be professionally recorded, videoed and posted on YouTube

Three shortlisted pieces in each category will be performed by William Howard in a public concert in Spring 2017

Final date for submissions: 31 October 2016

Full details available at www.williamhoward.co.uk

William Howard's Love Song Project was launched with his album of romantic piano pieces *Sixteen Love Songs*, released in June 2016 on Orchid Classics (ORCI00056).

The project continues with sixteen commissions from leading composers and the creation of this competition, which aims to encourage a range of 21st century responses to the genre of the piano love song and develop greater awareness of the varied musical languages of living composers.