

# Music Unites The World Songwriting Contest

Education Through Music-LA is excited to announce the **2023 Music Unites the World Songwriting Contest**. The purpose of this contest is to encourage the creation of *original and inspiring works* based on the theme “Music Unites the World” to be premiered by students at the annual Festival, a two-day event bringing together children from our partner schools across Los Angeles County.

## PRIZE

- Winning piece will be premiered at the Festival on **March 30, 2023** sung by a choir ensemble (grades 4-6) and accompanied by piano.
- Receive the opportunity to work with a children’s choir, top music educators, and other music industry professionals.
- Receive a **\$1,000 Cash Prize**.

**APPLICATION** DEADLINE: 10/28/22

View Requirements & Apply Here: [etmla.org/song23](https://etmla.org/song23)



Education Through Music-Los Angeles believes that every child deserves high-quality music education. ETM-LA partners with under-resourced schools to provide music as a core subject for all children, and utilizes music education as a catalyst to improve academic achievement, motivation for school, and self-confidence. For more info on ETM-LA's mission, visit [etmla.org](https://etmla.org)



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Education Through Music-LA (ETM-LA) is excited to announce the **2023 Music Unites the World Songwriting Contest!** The purpose of this contest is to produce an inspiring, high-quality, original song that speaks to the theme of music's ability to unite the world. The winning piece will be premiered by students at the annual **Music Unites the World Festival**, a two-day event bringing together student performers from our partner schools across Los Angeles County. For more info on ETM-LA's mission, visit [etmla.org](http://etmla.org).

**PRIZE:** The winning piece will be premiered at the Music Unites the World Festival on March 30, 2023 (location TBD) in Los Angeles, CA. The piece will be sung by approximately 40-50 treble & alto singers (grades 4-6), accompanied on piano.

The winner will be invited to attend the premiere where they will receive a \$1,000 cash prize. In addition, the composer will meet and work with the choir and director. Music industry professionals, educators, celebrity film composers, and other leaders will be in attendance. Past festival celebrity coaches include Academy Award and GRAMMY Award-Winning Producer Randy Spendlove, Emmy-Award Winning Producer Rickey Minor, Composers Blake Neely (Flash, Arrow), Christophe Beck (Frozen), Joseph Trapanese (Straight Outta Compton), Joseph Kraemer (Mission Impossible – Rogue Nation), and Harry Gregson-Williams (The Meg, Shrek), Producer Sebastian Krysz (Shakira, Luis Fonsi, Juanes), Singer-Songwriter Judith Hill (The Voice, Prince), NOMAD (Babyface), Consultant CeCe Sammy (American Idol), and Solo Vocalist Lisbeth Scott (Shrek, Chronicles of Narnia).

## PROCESS:

- Application materials are accepted via the online application. Visit [etmla.org/song23](http://etmla.org/song23)
- Songwriters/composers are asked to submit two scores (full score and vocal-only score) and a recording of an unpublished work for young treble voices (SA) on the theme of *music uniting the world*.
- **FEE: \$5 (USD) submission fee.** All fees are payable online and are non-refundable.

## TIMELINE:

- **October 28th, 2022:** Applications due. Pre-screening begins.
- **December 1st, 2022 :** Finalists reviewed by judges who will select the winner.
- **January 10th, 2023:** Winner announced.
- **January 2023:** Winner consults with ETM-LA on song and delivers final manuscript to ETM-LA.
- **March 30th, 2023:** Winning song will be premiered by ETM-LA Choir at the 2023 Music Unites the World Festival (location TBD) in Los Angeles, CA.

## ELIGIBILITY AND TERMS:

- See next page for guidelines.

**ETM-LA reserves the right to not select a winner.**

ENTRY DEADLINE: 10/28/2022 11:59 PM PT



# Music Unites the World Songwriting Contest

## Rules and Regulations

1. The 2023 Music Unites the World Songwriting Contest will hereafter be referred to as the ("Contest"). The winning piece will be performed at the Music Unites the World Festival on March 30, 2023, hereafter referred to as the ("Festival").
2. Contest fees are non-refundable and are payable online in USD only. Entry materials (scores, mp3s, information) are accepted via the online form only. ETM-LA does not give feedback or critiques to entrants and reserves the right not to award a grand prize.
3. Submissions must be original, unpublished works and shall not infringe any copyrights or any other rights of third parties. Songs may have multiple co-writers, but only one name should be designated as the Entrant on the entry form. All songwriters must be listed on the entry form in the field requesting the names of the songwriters.
4. The use of standard, digital, notation software (Sibelius, Finale) is required. Submissions not using this formatting will be disqualified.
5. Contest is open to songwriters at all levels. If entrant is under 18 years old, the signature of a parent or guardian is required on the online application.
6. The grand prize of \$1,000.00 USD will be awarded to the first name as it appears on the entry form, and division of prizes among co-authors is the responsibility of winners. W9s will be required before prize is disbursed. In the event that the winner is a minor under the age of 18, the check will be made out to parents/guardians.
7. The grand prize will be presented at the Festival and given to the winner(s). In the event that a non-local composer wins, ETM-LA is not responsible for any room, board, or other travel expenses associated with attending the Music Unites the World Festival.
8. Entrant retains all ownership rights to submitted song. ETM-LA will not have any ownership rights to any song submitted.
9. Submissions will be reviewed by a screening committee who will select the finalists. Finalists will be reviewed by judges who will select the winners. The judging committee will consist of music industry professionals including record label executives, producers, songwriters, and artists. Songs are judged equally on melody, composition, originality, lyrics, alignment with the theme "Music Unites the World," and appropriateness for mixed voice, beginner-elementary choirs (4-6th grade). Production quality will not be a determining factor.
10. Contest winner(s) will be announced in January 2023. ETM-LA will notify entrants of the contest results by email. Entrant is responsible for providing up-to-date and correct email addresses to ETM-LA. ETM-LA is not responsible for entrant's non-receipt of ETM-LA emails for any reason.
11. Winners may be required to sign an affidavit confirming that winner's song is original and he/she holds rights to the song. Failure to sign and return the form within the required time period or provision of false information may result in disqualification and an alternate winner may be selected. Affidavits are subject to verification by ETM-LA and its agents.
12. Entry constitutes permission to use winner's name, likeness, and voice for future advertising and publicity purposes without additional compensation. Additionally, winning composer grants use for winning piece to be performed at the Music Unites the World Festival, March 30, 2023; the venue will be in Los Angeles County, exact location TBD.
13. By entering Contest, entrant and/or their parents or legal guardian (if entrant is a minor) agree to accept and be bound by the decisions of ETM-LA and its judges which are final and binding in all matters. Entrant agrees to be bound by all terms of these official ETM-LA Rules And Regulations as established herein.