

The Nicholas Thorpe/Peter Wood Composition Awards

In association with Southwell Choral Society

Prize £650

Closing date 18th April 2026. Applicants must be under 25 years old on the closing date.

Composers are invited to submit a work of between 5 and 7 minutes duration for Amateur Choral Society (SATB, no soloists) and piano.

To be performed by Southwell Choral Society in the Summer Concert on 11th July 2026.

The result will be announced 1st May 2026.

The work must be performable by a mixed voice amateur choral society, without soloists, and piano.

The composer is free to choose a secular and light hearted text, in English. The concert will include Gilbert and Sullivan's *Trial by Jury* and will have a summery, joyful mood.

The work must not have been previously performed.

The score should be submitted electronically (PDF file) to reach the adjudicators by the closing date.

Entries should be emailed to nthorpe@me.com

Scores must be accompanied by proof of age and full contact details of the composer.

The work will remain the property of the composer.

A panel of experienced choral practitioners selected and chaired by Nicholas Thorpe, including the conductor of Southwell Choral Society, will judge the entries.

All entrants will be contacted and the winner announced.

The judges' decision will be final.

The organisers reserve the right not to award the prize.

Multiple awards may given if appropriate.

The winning composer will be invited to attend the first performance and be presented with the prize.

Southwell Choral Society will discuss with the prize-winner arrangements for the production of performance materials and be responsible for all aspects of the performance.

[Please follow this link to the Composers' Advice Sheet before submitting.](#)