

The Nicholas Thorpe Composition Award

In association with Southwell Choral Society

Prize £650.

Closing date 30th September 2024. Applicants must be under 25 years old on 30th September.

Composers are invited to submit a Christmas Carol or Seasonal work for Amateur Choral Society (no soloists) with piano or organ accompaniment.

To be performed by Southwell Choral Society in *Carols for Everyone* on 7th December 2024.*

The result will be announced on 14th October 2024.

The prize winning work will be a Christmas Carol or setting of a suitable seasonal text.

The work must be performable by a mixed voice amateur choral society, without soloists, with piano or organ accompaniment.

The first performance will be in Southwell Minster as part of *Carols for Everyone* on Saturday, 7th December 2024.* (*Carols for Everyone* is an informal, community carol concert which raises funds for a local charity.) Further local performances will be offered to a suitable Carol.

The composer is free to choose the text, which must fit the context of the concert.

The work must not have been previously performed.

The score should be submitted electronically (PDF file) to reach the adjudicators by 30th September 2024.

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 on 14th October 2024 and the winner announced.

The judges' decision will be final.

The organisers reserve the right not to award the prize.

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.

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