

CWRU Chamber Collective

Composition Competition Spring 2026

Overview

- Write for one of the three CCC Large Ensembles: Brass, Clarinet Choir, or Harmonie Winds
- Compositions should be between 2 and 10 minutes in length
- Pieces read and voted on by each ensemble on Sunday, April 26th from 11:30-2:00
- The winning piece will be performed on the Fall 2026 Large Ensembles concert

Instrumentation

<u>Brass Ensemble</u>	<u>Clarinet Choir</u>	<u>Harmonie Winds</u>
2-4 Trumpet parts 1-2 Horn parts 1-2 Euphonium parts 2-4 Trombone parts 1 Tuba/bass tbn part Optional Percussion	1 Eb clarinet 4-8 Bb soprano clarinet 1-2 Bass clarinet Optional Percussion	2 Flutes 2 Oboes 2 Clarinets 2 Horns 2 Bassoons

Composers may also choose to write for combined brass ensemble and clarinet choir using the parts above as a guideline.

Timeline

Compositions due: Sunday, April 19th 11:59pm

Compositions read and voted on: Sunday, April 26th 11:30-2:00

Winner announced: Monday, April 28th 8am


Voting

Each ensemble member will evaluate the piece after playing it using the following criteria on a scale of 1-10:

- Technical feasibility
 - *Is the piece possible to play well on your instrument? Is the level of the piece appropriate for the ensemble? Is the piece well suited for this particular instrumentation?*
- Musical form and interest
 - *Does the piece hold the listener's attention throughout? Are there sections contrasting in dynamics, tempo, meter, or style? Is the music organized in a logical and fulfilling way?*
- Style
 - *Is the music appealing to both player and listener? Are the melodies and harmonies interesting and musically satisfying?*
- Extra Points
 - *Use this section to give up to 10 additional points to this composition's score for any reason.*

*** Scoring:** Maximum score from each ensemble member is 40 points. The final score will be the mean of scores given by individuals. Any ties will be broken at the discretion of the ensemble directors. *

Submission

- Upload a PDF score with transposed parts (together in one file) to  Submissions
- Fill out the [entry form](#)
- A schedule of the reading session will be sent out during the week of April 19th