

Harmonium Testimonial
by Dale Trumbore, 2005 Grand Prize Winner
Harmonium Choral Society's NJ High School Choral Composition Contest

Composer Dale Trumbore has won several awards for her compositions, including those sponsored by Chanticleer, WomenSing, the Society for Universal Sacred Music and the National Federation of Music Clubs. Trumbore's works have been performed by ensembles including the Kronos Quartet, the USC Thornton Symphony, the New York Virtuoso Singers, the Boston New Music Initiative, the UMD Chamber Singers, the Left Bank Concert Society, and the Orange County Women's Chorus.

Harmonium's Composition Contest couldn't have come at a better time for me as a young composer, as it both encouraged and validated my decision to pursue composition in college (and, afterwards, as a career). It was the first chance I had to hear one of my original compositions well-rehearsed and performed by an ensemble. I remember feeling honored to be able to give rehearsal feedback to Anne and the chorus and have them quickly adjust to how I'd imagined the piece to be. The chance to work directly with Harmonium was extremely helpful, too, in figuring out what worked well in that particular composition and what I needed to adjust before its premiere.