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FRESNO CHORAL ARTISTS  
2008 – 2009 CONCERT SEASON  
**Composition Competition**

Fresno Choral Artists, the Central Valley's semi-professional auditioned choral ensemble, announces their first Composition Competition for young composers.

The competition is open to students at California State University, Fresno; Fresno City College and Fresno Pacific University. FCA is seeking submission of new works in the Madrigal style. Submission deadline is 12/31/08, and the winner will be announced on 3/1/09. The winner will receive a cash prize, and the winning composition will be performed by Fresno Choral Artists at their April 26, 2009 concert.

The competition will be adjudicated by Mr. Kile Smith, a Philadelphia, PA composer. Mr. Smith's frequently performed music has been praised by audiences and critics for its emotional power, direct appeal, and strong voice. He is Curator of the Fleisher Collection of Orchestral Music in the Free Library of Philadelphia, co-host of [Discoveries from the Fleisher Collection](#) on WRTI 90.1 FM in Philadelphia, host of the contemporary American music show [Now is the Time](#) on WRTI, and a part-time [classical host](#) there.

Information, competition rules and submission forms are available on the FCA website ([www.fresnochoralartists.org](http://www.fresnochoralartists.org)) or by calling the FCA at (559) 432-6330.

Entertaining Central California audiences for 21 years, Fresno Choral Artists continues to perform some of the most beautiful and challenging choral music written. FCA is dedicated to promoting excellence in choral music. The ensemble fosters enjoyment and understanding of our choral heritage through outreach to singers and listeners in this diverse community.

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Photos of the ensemble and Artistic Director are available.  
For additional information, including interviews with key personnel, please contact Fresno Choral Artists at 559-432-6330.