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Something Old, Something New Musae's 5th Anniversary Season

2008 Commission Competition

Deadline: July 1, 2008

Notification: August 1, 2008

Prize: \$1000

For more information, please contact commissions@musae.org.
To download a complete competition application, please visit www.musae.org.

SAN FRANCISCO—April 3, 2008— Musae, a twelve-voice women's vocal ensemble based in San Francisco, is thrilled to announce a commission competition, open to all composers, for three original pieces to celebrate the group's upcoming fifth anniversary season.

Musae is an up-and-coming member of the Bay Area music community with press contacts and a rapidly growing audience. All winning composers will receive mention in the press, the opportunity to speak about their work to Musae supporters, and a cash prize of \$1000. The group will premiere one piece at its December 2008 holiday concert series and two others at its May 2009 concert series. All three pieces will be recorded in the summer of 2009 for inclusion on the group's fifth anniversary album.

Submissions must be original and cannot be affiliated with any previous awards, commissions, performances, recordings, or publishing. The group is seeking three pieces that are accessible for its audiences and which reflect Musae's organizational mission and values in the following categories: A) A Musae Holiday (for women's chorus and brass quartet); B) Our Favorite Things (for women's chorus, either a cappella or with bossa nova combo); and C) This is Musae (for women's chorus and bossa nova combo).

These categories are not necessarily the titles of each work; rather they are guidelines to inspire a creative process. For additional information about the group and these categories, please visit www.musae.org. Composers may choose to write one piece, or all three. There is no limit on the number of pieces the group will consider from any one composer. However, Musae will select only ONE winning composition from each category. Entries are due July 1, 2008, and all entrants will be notified by August 1, 2008.

ABOUT MUSAE

Musae is a women's vocal ensemble based in San Francisco. The group takes its name from the original "ladies of song," the classic nine muses of Greek mythology. Since its founding in 2004, Musae has performed diverse and accessible music throughout the Bay Area, and continues to stretch the boundaries of traditional repertoire for women's voices.

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