

AFA Composer Institute

Spring 2012

The AFA Composer Institute leads young musicians through the process of creating, developing, refining and ultimately, performing an original musical work. Young musicians in the Composer Institute work with outstanding faculty and collaborative artists to learn the building blocks of the compositional craft.

During the Spring 2012 session, composers will have the opportunity to workshop their pieces with artists from Da Camera of Houston Young Artist Program and Houston Grand Opera's High School Voice Studio. The twelve-week session culminates in a final performance and recording of each student's work.

General Information

- Open to composers in grades 8-12; Applicants should understand that this program is intended for composers of "classical" or "art" music (as opposed to popular styles) and will be more successful in the program if they have some prior exposure to notation and sequencing programs.
- Meetings will be held weekly on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am -11:00 am at AFA's office and studios at 1718A Lubbock Street near downtown Houston. The session starts on January 28.
- All students will have their works read and recorded.
- Tuition for the spring session is \$600 (need-based scholarships are available by application).

Audition Information

- Auditions and interviews will take place on December 17 and January 7. An audition will be scheduled at the time of application.
- Applicants must submit scores and recordings of any music they have already written before the audition/interview (MIDI realizations are acceptable).
- Space is limited to 8 composers total.
- As a workshop experience, space is limited and all participants should be taking private lessons concurrently.
- Applicants who are not yet prepared for this program are encouraged to take private lessons in preparation for future offerings.

Faculty & Presenting Partners

- AFA's head of composition and theory, Dr. Aaron Alon will lead most meetings and activities, with additional instruction from guest composition faculty.
- As of this writing, artists and students from the Da Camera of Houston Young Artist Program and Houston Grand Opera's High School Voice Studio are scheduled to participate. Note that all collaborators are subject to change.

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