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Wanted: scores by South Dakota youth and adult composers for performance at SDMEA, October 2015.

The Playground Ensemble, Colorado's premiere new music ensemble, will perform works by two South Dakota composers at the South Dakota Music Education Association's 7th Annual State Music Education Conference, on Friday October 30th, 2015, in Rapid City SD.

The Playground will select one work by a K-12 student composer, and one work by an adult. Adult composers must be members of SDMEA/NAfME, and K-12 student composers must submit through their instructor, who must be a member of SDMEA/NAfME.

General information:

- **Open to:** South Dakota residents who are SDMEA/NAfME members, and K-12 students of SDMEA/NAfME members.
- **Submission requirements:**
 - **Duration:** no more than 12 minutes
 - **Instrumentation:** any combination of the following: 1 clarinet/bass clarinet, 1 violin, 1 cello, 1 piano, 1 soprano (voice), 2 percussion, 1 electronics*.
 - **Submission limit:** each composer may submit no more than two different scores.
 - **Deadline:** 8/1/15

*electronic equipment may be limited. If you wish to submit a piece with electronics, please contact Conrad Kehn at playground@playgroundensemble.org.

How to submit your piece(s):

- **Provide** the following, by the 8/1/15 deadline:
 - **Composer Information Form** (below), filled out completely.
 - **Score** (PDF or hard copy).
 - **Recording** (preferred but not required, midi ok).
- **Materials** may be provided:
 - **Electronically** via email (strongly preferred), to playground@playgroundensemble.org
 - **By mail**, to:
The Playground/SDMEA
P.O. box 101687
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What happens next:

- Receipt of materials will be acknowledged by email when materials are received.
- After 8/1/15, scores will be evaluated by a panel of judges, whose decisions are final. Illegible and improperly notated scores will not be considered.
- Two pieces will be selected: one by a K-12 student, one by an adult.
- Notification of selection will take place by 9/1/15.
- Selected pieces will be performed on Friday October 30th, at the SDMEA State Music Education Conference in Rapid City.
- Audio and video recordings of the performance may be used by the Playground Ensemble for promotional materials.



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Composer Information Form (fill out and submit this form separately for each piece you are submitting)

Name:

Email address:

Phone number:

Street address:

City, State, zip:

Please provide a paragraph or two of biographical information suitable for program notes (please include year of birth)

Title of piece:

Instrumentation:

Duration:

Other comments:

Please provide a paragraph or two of information about your piece, suitable for program notes (please include the year the piece was written)

If you have submitted a multi-movement work, would you consent to our performing one or more movements if we are unable to perform the entire work?

Composer category (check one):

☐ **K-12 student:**

grade or year in school:

name of instructor:

☐ **adult**

The Playground, ensemble in residence at Metropolitan State University of Denver, is a force for new music in the Rocky Mountain region. The Playground strives to reach out to new audiences with inventive programming in unexpected venues. The ensemble is also active educationally, providing master-classes and concerts in various public and private institutions. The Playground's goal is to provide stimulating performances, expand common perceptions of both contemporary music and the chamber ensemble, and nurture a community around this music that we love.