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Schola Cantorum's Poetry-to-Music Contest Open to High School Students

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA - (May 21, 2019) - One local high school student can experience the thrill of having their written words transformed into a beautiful composition and sung by one of Silicon Valley's premier choirs. That's the idea behind Schola Cantorum's third Poetry-to-Music Contest for high school students in Santa Clara County. This year's theme is "The Natural Beauty of California," and students have until September 27 to enter the contest.

A panel of judges, including a local Poet Laureate, a local journalist, Schola Cantorum Directors, and renowned composer Eric Tuan, will select the top ten entries. The winning poem, which Tuan will turn into a new choral work for four vocal parts, will be performed by the 75-voice choir at Schola's concert "Into the West," February 29 and March 1, 2020. The concert will feature choral music inspired by the Great American West Coast, featuring the works of composers Morten Lauridsen, Eric Whitacre, and others.

"The soul of Schola Cantorum has always been about sharing the joy of choral music with the community, and what better way than inviting young voices to be participants in our concerts?" said Buddy James, Schola's new Artistic Director. "I can only imagine the thrill for a young poet, and they are all poets, to hear their words sung by a wonderful community of voices. These are the types of educational opportunities that can ignite a career."

Other prizes include \$500 First Place; \$300 Second Place; \$200 Third Place. For contest rules and entry forms, go to scholacantorum.org.

Schola Cantorum Silicon Valley is an auditioned 75-voice chorus. Its mission is to connect the Silicon Valley community with the wonders of choral music through outstanding live performances, educational outreach programs, and collaborations with local artists.

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