

Harmonium Testimonial
by Tim Laciano, 2011 Grand Prize Winner
Harmonium Choral Society's NJ High School Choral Composition Contest

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The Harmonium Composition Contest is entirely responsible for kindling my passion for choral music and enlightening me to its communicative power. Countless young composers have been encouraged and inspired to continue writing and participating in the choral music world because of this unique and invaluable program. I'm indebted to Harmonium, the contest, and its sponsors for being the impetus for all of my serious compositional endeavors, giving me the gift of hearing my work performed live, and helping to augment my education in music.