

Contest rules for the creation of a hymn/ song for the Centenary of the Quebec Foreign Mission Society (SME)

BASIS

“He who sings, prays twice” (Saint Augustin)

As part of the 100 years’ celebration of our Missionary Society, we call to all for the creation of the hymn/song of the Centenary

This contest for creating the Jubilee Hymn has as purpose to express the joy and gratitude to the Lord for the foundation of our Missionary Society, which has the official motto: **“To run the risk of the encounter at the service of the Gospel”**, inspired by *Evangelii Gaudium* #88.

Through this activity we want to sing, pray, thank and encourage people. Hundred years to the mission service is a good reason to express our happiness for everything given and received since 1921, and at the same time, to celebrate with all the peoples to whom we have been sent.

CONTEST RULES

1.- Objective

To create the lyrics and music of the hymn/song for the Centenary of the Quebec Foreign Mission Society (SME)

2.- Specifications

2.1. Participants

- a) The contest is open to members, associates, friends, collaborators and family members of the SME, without limits of age, nationality and numbers of compositions per participant.
- b) The contestants may participate individually or in groups.
- c) Members of the musical groups can be constituted with no distinction of gender.
- d) Musical groups can be accompanied and directed by their own musical directors.

2.2. Lyrics of the anthem/hymn

- a) Can be inspired on the motto of the Centenary: “To run the risk of the encounter at the service of the Gospel”.
- b) To develop the theme of the hymn, participants can take as reference the basis text that will be display on our website (smelaval.org) and social networks.
- c) The hymn must have a maximum of 5 verses and a minimum of 3.
- d) Must be an original and unpublished creation.
- e) Language to be used: Spanish, French or/and English.
- f) Additional score will be given to the lyrics that combine various languages due the international nature of our Missionary Society.

2.3. Directives and restrictions

- a) The composition can belong to any gender or style, providing that it has a contagious and cheerful melody.
- b) Use major keys that transmit joy.
- c) Length: between 4 minutes as minimum and 5 as maximum.
- d) Present the original score of the work with lyric and music.

2.4. Copyright

- a) Hymn/song should be original and unpublished composition.
- b) No hymn/song will be return to its author.
- c) Winner hymn/song will remain as exclusive property of the SME.
- d) All the participants in the competition authorize the SME to the printing, diffusion, distribution, exhibition, public communication, dissemination and reproduction of the submitted music without compensation, through the web and the current and future channels of the organizing entity.

In the same way, if none of the hymns/songs meets the requirements and the jury declares the winner void, the SME reserves its right to compose a hymn based on the hymns that have participated if it deems appropriate, without compensation to the authors.

- e) In case of plagiarism the SME exempts itself of any civil and criminal liability that comes with the complaint over the hymn/song that is copy and is copyrighted.

3. Registration

3.1. Date and terms and conditions of submission

- a) Registration is open from the moment the present rules are published until September 30th, 2020.
- b) On December 3rd, 2020, the winning hymn/song will be announced through our Website (smelaval.org) and social networks. Winner will be contacted by telephone.

The award will be held on December 12th, 2020.
- c) For registration, the author's name will be recorded as individual or group contestants under a pseudonym.
- d) In the email, all the participants' information must be included: name, telephone and address.
- e) In the event the song does not meet the criteria to be followed for the contest, once the contestant/s have been informed, his/her/their work will be considered INVALID.

3.2. Rules for the delivery of the lyrics and music

- a) Send lyrics and music to the following email address smecentenaria1921@gmail.com or upload the file on our website in the "Centennial Contest" tab.
- b) Audio must be sent in mp3 format.
- c) Send descriptive report of the works, no more than 2 pages, double spaced and in 12-points font size.
- d) Send as an attachment all the participant's data: name, telephone number and address, under pseudonym.

4.- Contest schedule

| Phase | Activities | Date |
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| 1 | Publication of the rules | March 1 st |
| 2 | Reception of the works | Until September 30 th , 2020 |
| 3 | Selection and evaluation | July- November 2020 |
| 4 | Publication of the results | December 3 rd , 2020 |
| 5 | Awards | December 12 th , 2020, |

5.- Judges

- a) The jury will be formed by a member of the Central Council of the Quebec Foreign Mission Society, two members of the Missionary Animation Service, and three professional musicians (choir and orchestration).
- b) Decisions are not subject to appeal.

6.- Judgment procedures and scoring parameters

- a) Selection process will be done in two phases:
 - A first phase of popular vote:
The organizing commission will publish the hymns/songs on YouTube or in our website (www.smelaval.org) to be voted. The deadline to vote will be October 31st, 2020.
 - Second phase: All the hymns/songs will be evaluated by the jury and the most voted on YouTube will receive an additional score (up to 15 points). After final evaluation, jury will determine the winner.

- b) Scoring parameters will be based on the following criteria:

- **Lyrics: up to 50 points**
 - Composition: metric, text symmetry and rhyme. (10 points)
 - Originality and coherence. (15 points)
 - Suggested contents in “Basis” (15 points)
 - Impact of the message (10 points)
- **Music: up to 50 points.**
 - Originality and key (15 points)
 - Harmony and contrast (10 points)
 - Rhythm (10 points)
 - Communication strength of the musical message (15 points)

7.- Prize

- a) A single winner work, whether group or individual.
- b) Winner -group or individual- will receive a Diploma and CAD3,500 (or its equivalent in national currency), plus t-shirts with the official logo of the event.
- c) Award will be given in the country which the winner belongs on December 12th, 2020, World Mission Sunday.

8.- Complementary rules

a) **Transitory rules:** Any aspect in the present contest that has not been considered, the Quebec Foreign Mission Society and its Jury will be responsible for making the appropriate decisions.

b) **Final rules:** Participation in this competition implies acceptance of these terms in full no admitting any complains after a work have been submitted.

9.- Inquiries or clarifications

Participants can email them to smecentenario1921@gmail.com, or @missionsetrangeres (Facebook Fan Page).