Call for Papers
SOCAN Foundation/George Proctor Prize
Abstract Deadline: November 24, 2014
Paper Deadline: March 30, 2015

The SOCAN Foundation/George Proctor Prize of $2500 is awarded annually for an outstanding paper presented in French or English, by a graduate student, at the annual conference of the Canadian University Music Society (MUSCan). The 2015 MUSCan conference will be held at the University of Ottawa, School of Music, Ottawa, Ontario, June 3-5, 2015. The prize-winning paper will demonstrate original research in any recognized branch of musical scholarship and may be presented in either official language. The jury reserves the right to withhold the award if, in its judgment, there are no suitable submissions.

The competition is open to anyone who, at the time of submission of the abstract, is registered in a graduate degree program, does not yet hold a doctorate, and does not hold a full-time teaching position. Previous winners of the George Proctor Prize, or of the SOCAN Foundation/George Proctor Prize, are ineligible to compete. A paper also submitted to the 2015 SOCAN Foundation/ MUSCan Awards for Writings on Canadian Music is eligible to compete in the semi-final round of the SOCAN Foundation/George Proctor Prize, provided the author has previously fulfilled all the conditions for conference proposal submission, and the paper has been accepted to be read at the conference. A paper that was submitted to the previous year’s (the 2014) SOCAN Foundation/ MUSCan Awards for Writings on Canadian Music, but neither won that prize nor was proposed to be read at the 2014 MUSCan conference, may be proposed for the 2015 conference and, if accepted, may be eligible for the SOCAN Foundation/George Proctor Prize in 2015.

Abstracts (maximum 250 words), abridged abstracts (maximum 150 words), a list of A/V requests, and presenter biographies (maximum 100 words) must be submitted by email as attachments in Word. The student’s name, title of the paper, email address, university affiliation and adviser should appear in the email body but not on the abstract, as proposals will be read blind. All submissions should be made to the Program Committee Chair, Murray Dineen, at conference@muscan.org. A copy should also be submitted to muscan2015@gmail.com. For all other conditions of proposal submission and conference participation, please refer to the “Call for Papers,” available at <www.muscan.org>.

Please also consult there the “Official Rules for the SOCAN Foundation / George Proctor Prize.”

The deadline for submission of proposals is Monday, November 24, 2014. Submission of an abstract denotes willingness and ability to attend the 2015 conference. All presenters must be members of MUSCan ($40 for students) before their submissions can be accepted for inclusion in
the program and must have registered for both the 2015 Congress and for the MusCan conference.

Students whose proposals are accepted for the conference will be informed by February 23, 2015. In addition to complying with all subsequent deadlines for other presenters, students who wish to compete for the SOCAN Foundation/George Proctor Prize (semi-final round) must submit, by Monday, March 30, 2015, an electronic copy of their paper (with the scholarly apparatus), and of any hand-out, exactly as they will be presented at the conference. Attached files to submission e-mails may not exceed 1 Mb in size.

A preliminary jury will select the finalists (normally up to four), from which a winner will be chosen at the conference. In determining the winner, the final jury will consider the presentation and the ability to handle questions from the audience, as well as the quality of the paper. The preliminary and final juries will be formed after all SOCAN Foundation/George Proctor Prize submissions are received, to ensure that all jurors are at arm’s length from the applicants.

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