



Information letter
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INTERNATIONAL SIBELIUS SINGING COMPETITION FOR YOUNG SINGERS YEAR 2015

The year 2015 will mark the 150th anniversary of the birth of Jean Sibelius. The Järvenpää Sibelius Weeks, in partnership with the Sibelius Academy and the City of Järvenpää, is arranging the III International Sibelius Singing Competition in Järvenpää, the hometown of Sibelius, on April 19–25, 2015.

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

The competition is open to female and male citizens of Finland, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia and Sweden born in or after 1980. Men and women will compete in the same category.

JURY

The jury will consist of following members: *Gustav Djupsjöbacka* (Chairman, Finland), *Monica Groop* (mezzo-soprano, Finland), *Inger Dam-Jensen* (soprano, Denmark), *Andreas Schmidt* (baritone, Germany), *Neil Mackie* (tenor, United Kingdom)

PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded: I €12,000, II €6,000, III €3,000, IV–VI each €1,000.

APPLICATION AND PRESELECTION

The deadline for entries will be *September 15, 2014*. The pre-selection auditions for applicants resident in Finland will be held at the Järvenpää Hall on *Sat October 25-Sun October 26, 2014*. Applicants resident outside Finland may apply by sending the Competition Committee a sound and video recording.

A panel appointed by the Competition Committee of the International Sibelius Singing Competition will select the singers for the competition on the basis of the application documents, auditions and recordings. About 30 singers will be selected for the competition.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The competition will be in three rounds: A preliminary round on April 20–21, 2015, Semi-finals on April 22–23, 2015 and Finals on April 25, 2015.

The Jury will select about 16 competitors from the preliminary round for the semi-finals and about six semi-finalists for the finals.

REPERTOIRE

The Competition repertoire must consist of:

Preliminary round:

1. Any song by Sibelius
2. A Lied by one of the following composers: Schubert, Schumann, Brahms, Wolf
3. One other art song in German

Total duration max. 15 minutes

Semi-finals:

An artistic entity consisting of songs by several composers, including at least one song by Sibelius and one contemporary song from the competitor's own country.

Total duration max. 15 minutes

Finals:

A programme of songs by Sibelius including at least two from the following opuses:

Op. 35, Op. 38, Op. 50, Op. 57, Op. 61, Op. 86, Op. 88, Op. 90

Total duration max. 15 minutes

SHEET MUSIC

Sibelius sheet music can be bought at Ostinato sheet music shop: www.ostinato.fi

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Competitors and any accompanying pianists will be offered free accommodation with families, primarily in Järvenpää. Each competitor and pianist will be responsible for his/her own travelling expenses to and from Järvenpää. The organiser will provide accompanists for both the pre-selection and the competition proper, but competitors may, if they wish, bring their own accompanists at their own expense.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, see the official competition website: www.sibeliussinging.fi

Find us also in Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/International-Sibelius-Singing-Competition/342503799222900?ref=hl>

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