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FINALISTS NAMED IN
THE III INTERNATIONAL UUNO KLAMI COMPOSITION COMPETITION

The names of the finalists in the III International Uuno Klami Composition Competition, which attracted a record number of entries, have now been announced. At a two-day session the prestigious Jury of internationally-acclaimed members – composers Kalevi Aho and Magnus Lindberg (Finland), composer Erkki-Sven Tüür (Estonia) and conductor Yasuo Shinozaki (Japan) – selected the following five works for the finals:

Alexander Munro, 34, Germany: *Martialis Epigrammata*

Teodor Nicolau, 66, Finland/Romania: *Mioritic roots*

Axel Ruoff, 56, Germany: *Sinfonietta*

Luca Vago, 42, Italy: *Suite de los espejos, eight poems by Federico Garcia Lorca*

Sauli Zinovjev, 24, Finland: *Gryf*

There were so many entries that the Jury also compiled a list of **recommended works** (attached) that, though good, did not reach the finals.

The competition for composers living in Europe announced in January 2013 had a tremendous response, for the Competition Office received a total of **265 entries** representing no fewer than **37 nationalities**. This participation figure makes the Klami one of the world's most popular composition competitions. The largest number of entries came from **Italy, Finland, Germany, Britain, Spain and Greece**. The standard is, according to the Jury, extremely high, and selecting the finalists was very difficult. There were nearly a hundred more entries than for the previous competition, and the proportion of good ones was larger than ever, including dozens of magnificent works.

Competition to culminate in finals in November 2014 – tickets already on sale

The Kymi Sinfonietta conducted by Yasuo Shinozaki will give the world premiere performance of all five works selected for the finals at two exciting concerts: **at the Kuusankoski Hall at 7 pm on Thursday November 13, 2014 and at the Kotka Concert Hall at 7 pm on Friday November 14, 2014**. The Jury will decide the winner only after hearing both finals concerts. The composers will be present in person at the finals concerts and their rehearsals. The results will be announced and the prizes awarded immediately after the concert in Kotka. The Finnish Broadcasting Company (Yle) will be broadcasting the Kotka concert live and the presenter will be Yle news presenter **Jussi-Pekka Rantanen**. Tickets for the finals concerts are on sale at Lippupalvelu (Ticketmaster Finland) and elsewhere.

President of the Republic the competition's patron

The patron of the III International Uuno Klami Composition Competition is the President of the Republic, Mr Sauli Niinistö.

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