



*Klami
Competition*

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Record number of entries for the Uno Klami Composition Competition – one of the world’s most popular composition competitions

The III International Uno Klami Composition Competition has had a tremendous response, for the Competition Office received a total of **265 entries** postmarked by the deadline at the beginning of December. Judging from the postmarks, they had been sent from as many as **32 countries** all over the competition area, Europe. This participation figure makes the Klami one of the world’s best-known and most popular composition competitions.

The Jury withdrew in December to study the scores until March. Representing European composition expertise on the Jury are Finland’s **Kalevi Aho** and **Magnus Lindberg** and Estonia’s **Erkki-Sven Tüür**, all leading composers of their generation and major influences in musical life. The conductor member of the Jury is the Kymi Sinfonietta’s Artistic Director **Yasuo Shinozaki**.

The Jury will select 3–5 works for the finals in the course of spring 2014. It will make its final decision on the winners in November 2014, after hearing all the short-listed works performed by the **Kymi Sinfonietta** at two finals concerts and their orchestral rehearsals in Kouvola and Kotka. The competition is in this respect unique in that the Jury chooses the winners only after hearing the finals concerts and their rehearsals. The finalists will also be present at these concerts and rehearsals.

The III International Uno Klami Composition Competition announced in January 2013 is open to citizens of any EU Member State, of a Nordic country, or of Albania, Andorra, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Macedonia, Moldavia, Monaco, Montenegro, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Switzerland, Ukraine or the Vatican City State. It aroused widespread international interest as soon as it was announced. The International Uno Klami Composition Competition aims to promote contemporary European composition and composers under the name of Uno Klami (1900–1961), a cosmopolitan Finnish composer in his day.

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