

President of the Republic's Cultural Foundation announces the Young Cultural Figure Award competition with a prize of 5,000 euro.

The award is intended for a cultural figure of Estonian descent aged 35 or younger whose accomplishments in the field of creative arts have attained wide recognition or whose art work or artistic endeavours have considerably contributed to making Estonia and Estonian culture more well-known in the world.

The deadline for submission of applications is 19 May 2014. Candidates may be nominated by the young cultural figures themselves, or by their instructors, teachers, employers, and also members of the Board of the Cultural Foundation. To apply, a written application with personal data and a short CV (name, address, education, professional career), a description of their creative activity and recommendations by at least two recognised cultural figures or an artistic association and one recognised cultural figure must be submitted.

All documents relevant to the application for the award should be sent to the President of the Republic's Cultural Foundation at A. Weizenbergi 39, 15050 Tallinn or digitally signed to the e-mail address vpinfo@vpk.ee .

In previous years, the Young Cultural Figure Award has been awarded to pianist Mihkel Poll (2013), jewellery artist Tanel Veenre (2012), conductor Risto Joost (2011), editor of the Õõülikool (Night University) television series Jaan Tootsen (2010), actor, producer and translator Marius Peterson (2009), poet Kristiina Ehin (2008), ballerina Luana Georg (2007), composer Helena Tulve (2006), producer Jaanus Rohumaa (2005), conductor Anu Tali (2004), literary critic Jan Kaus (2003) and composer Tõnu Kõrvits and folk musician Krista Sildoja (2002). In 2011, a special award was given to Igor Kotjuh, the poet, essayist and translator and someone who is at the fore of shaping a society liberated from prejudice.

The Young Cultural Figure Award is financed by Indrek Neivelt, a member of the Board of the President of the Republic's Cultural Foundation.

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