<u>The President of the Republic's Cultural Foundation</u> announced the competition for the 75,000 EEK Young Cultural Figure Prize.

The prize is intended for Estonian cultural figures under 35 years of age, whose work and cultural activities have significantly contributed to the promotion of Estonia and its culture in the world. The Young Cultural Figure Prize is financed by Toomas Luman, a member of the Cultural Foundation Board.

The deadline for submitting applications is May 8 2009. The candidates themselves, their advisors, teachers, employers, as well as Members of the Cultural Foundation Board, may nominate candidates.

In order to apply, a written application must be submitted with personal data and a short biography (name, address, education, and professional activities), a description of the candidate's creative activities, along with recommendations from at least two recognized cultural figures, or one creative association and one recognised cultural figure.

Please send all the documents related to the application to the Cultural Foundation of the President of the Republic at A. Weizenbergi 39, 15050 Tallinn.

The prize will be awarded for the eighth time. In previous years, the recipients of the Young Cultural Figure Prize have included poet Kristiina Ehin (2008) ballerina Luana Georg (2007), composer Helena Tulve (2006), theatrical director Jaanus Rohumaa (2005), conductor Anu Tali (2004), literary critic Jan Kaus (2003), and well as composer Tõnu Kõrvits and folk musician Krista Sildoja (2002).

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