

The Cultural Foundation of the President of the Republic has launched the competition for the Young Cultural Figure Award, which has prize money of 5000 euros.

The Young Cultural Figure Award is presented to an Estonia-born cultural figure of the age of 35 or younger, whose accomplishments in the field of creative arts have won widespread recognition or who has, with his or her works or activities in the field of creative arts, considerably contributed to promoting Estonia and Estonian culture worldwide.

Applications are due by 18 May 2012. Candidates may be nominated by young cultural figures themselves or their supervisors, teachers, employers, etc., as well as by members of the Board of the Cultural Foundation. To apply, the following documents must be submitted: a written application with personal details and a short CV (name, address, education, professional career); a description of creative work; recommendations by at least two recognised cultural figures or by an artistic association and one recognised cultural figure.

All documentation relevant to one's application for the Award should be submitted to the President of the Republic's Cultural Foundation (A.Weizenbergi 39, 15050 Tallinn), or signed digitally, to the e-mail address vpinfo@vpk.ee.

Previous laureates of the Young Cultural Figure Award are composer Risto Joost (2011), editor of the Ööülikool (Night University) series Jaan Tootsen (2010), actor, theatre director and translator Marius Peterson (2009), poet Kristiina Ehin (2008), ballerina Luana Georg (2007), composer Helena Tulse (2006), theatre director 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, a poet, essayist, translator and individual who is shaping a society liberated from prejudice.

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