17 May is the last date for applying for the Young Cultural Figure Award of the Cultural Foundation of the President of the Republic. The Award is intended for a cultural figure of Estonian descent aged 35 or younger, whose accomplishments in the field of creative arts have won wide recognition or who has, with his or her works or activities in the field of creative arts, considerably contributed to making Estonia and Estonian culture known in the world.

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

All documents relevant for application for the Award shall be submitted to the President of the Republic's Cultural Foundation (A. Weizenbergi 39, 15050 Tallinn), or, signed digitally, to vpinf o@vpk.ee

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Previous laureates of the Young Cultural Figure Award include jewel artist Tanel Veenre (2012); conductor Risto Joost (2011); editor of the Ööülikool /Night University/ series Jaan Tootsen (2010); actor, theatre director and translator Marius Peterson (2009); poetess Kristiina Ehin (2008); ballerina Luana Georg (2007); composer Helena Tulve (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 presented to the poet, essayist, translator and shaper of a society liberated from prejudice, Igor Kotjuh.

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