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### UUNO KLAMI COMPOSITION COMPETITION RECEIVES UNPRECEDENTED NUMBER OF ENTRIES

The Second International Uuno Klami Composition Competition has elicited an unprecedented response. By the closing postmark date for entries – 1 December – 184 compositions had reached the competition office from all over Europe, and judging from the postmarks, a few scores had also come from outside Europe. The competition office has received entries from no fewer than 30 countries, which indicates that the competition has aroused considerable international interest. The number of entries sent to the First International Uuno Klami Composition Competition held in 2003-2004 was considered exceptionally good: 117 from 23 countries.

The jury will now spend December-January assessing the scores. The jury consists of Finnish composers Kalevi Aho and Magnus Lindberg, also members of the jury in the First International Uuno Klami Composition Competition, and new members Swedish composer Anders Eliasson and Japanese conductor Yasuo Shinozaki. The jury will select 3-5 compositions for the finals at the beginning of next year. The finalists will be announced in late winter 2009. The jury will make its ultimate decision on the winners after hearing two finals concerts and their rehearsals in September 2009.

The Second International Uuno Klami Composition Competition has had an extremely favourable reception ever since it was announced in January 2008: 140 enquiries from 33 countries were addressed to the competition office before the final date for entries. The Second International Uuno Klami Composition Competition was announced in January 2008 in the Nordic countries, the EU Member States, Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Switzerland and Liechtenstein. Belarus, Ukraine and Switzerland are competition newcomers. The success of the First International Uuno Klami Composition Competition was an important motivator in organising the second competition.

The compositions selected for the finals will be performed by the Kymi Sinfonietta at two finals concerts in September 2009. The orchestra's Artistic Director Yasuo Shinozaki will conduct the finals concerts at Kouvola Town Hall at 7 pm on 18 September 2009 and at Kotka Concert Hall at 7 pm on 19 September 2009. The results will be announced and the prizes awarded after the finals concert in Kotka. The presenter at the concerts will be Mr Erkki Toivanen, for many years a foreign correspondent of the Finnish Broadcasting Company (YLE). The Kotka finals concert will be broadcast by YLE – the Finnish Broadcasting Company. Tickets for the finals will be on sale at all Lippupalvelu (Ticket Service Finland: tel. +358 600 10 800, [www.lippupalvelu.fi](http://www.lippupalvelu.fi)) outlets from 2 January 2009. The Kymi Sinfonietta office will also answer any enquiries about tickets, tel. +358 5 234 4891.

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