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WINNERS OF THE II INTERNATIONAL UUNO KLAMI COMPOSITION COMPETITION

The results of the II International Uuno Klami Composition Competition have now been announced and the prizes were awarded after the finals concert in Kotka on September 19.

The jury consisting of Kalevi Aho (Chairman), Anders Eliasson, Magnus Lindberg and Yasuo Shinozaki awarded the prizes as follows:

I prize " 8 000: Joachim F.W. Schneider (Germany): Drei Orchesterstücke
Shared II prize " 6 500: Kent Olofsson (Sweden): Stalingrad Madonna (Symphonie II) and
" 6 500: Oliver Waespi (Switzerland): Double Concerto for Guitar and Flute
III prize " 6 000: Victor Alcántara (Germany): Toccata Concertante

The prize of the City of Kotka worth " 2 000 went to Joachim F.W. Schneider: Drei Orchesterstücke
The prize of the City of Kouvola worth " 3 000 was shared by Kent Olofsson (" 1 500): Stalingrad Madonna (Symphonie II) and Oliver Waespi (" 1 500): Double Concerto for Guitar and Flute
The finals audience prize, the prize of the Municipality of Virolahti worth " 500 went to Victor Alcántara for Toccata Concertante.

The aim of the Uuno Klami Composition Competition is to highlight and to promote contemporary European music and composers while at the same time enriching and diversifying the repertoire for a sinfonietta-sized orchestra. The competition was announced in January 2008 and was open to citizens of all EU member states, a Nordic country, Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Switzerland and Liechtenstein. Entries were submitted by 186 composers representing 27 nationalities. The standard of the entries was so high that the jury decided to issue a list of 17 works definitely worth a performance in addition to the four selected for the finals.

The four works chosen for the finals were performed by the Kymi Sinfonietta under conductor Yasuo Shinozaki at concerts held in Kouvola on September 18 and Kotka on September 19. The soloists were Joonas Ahonen (piano), Auli Kontinen (flute), Petri Kumela (guitar) and Tiina Penttinen (mezzo-soprano).

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