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### Finalists chosen for the II International Uuno Klami Composition Competition

The finalists for the II International Uuno Klami Composition Competition have been chosen. At its meeting the Competition Jury (Kalevi Aho, Chairman, Magnus Lindberg, Anders Eliasson and Yasuo Shinozaki) chose the following four works for the competition finals:

**Victor Alcántara, 33, Germany: Toccata Concertante**  
**Kent Olofsson, 46, Sweden: Stalingrad Madonna (Symphonie II)**  
**Joachim F.W. Schneider, 38, Germany: Drei Orchesterstücke**  
**Oliver Waespi, 37, Switzerland: Double Concerto for Guitar and Flute**

The II International Uuno Klami Composition Competition was announced in the Nordic countries, EU Member States, Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Switzerland and Liechtenstein in January 2008. The competition office received no fewer than 186 works from composers representing 27 nationalities. To allow as many composers as possible to benefit from this competition, the Jury has, in addition to the finals works, drawn up a separate list of recommended works that did not reach the finals (see enclosure). This list will be sent to different music organisations.

The high popularity of the Competition exceeded all expectations. The Competition Jury was astonished by the extremely high standard of the entries. According to the Jury, they represent a wide variety of musical styles and among them are many good compositions. This made the selection even more difficult.

The II International Uuno Klami Composition Competition will culminate in the finals concerts to be held **at the Kouvola City Hall at 7 pm on 18 September** and **the Kotka Concert Hall at 7 pm on 19 September 2009**. The orchestra for both concerts will be the Kymi Sinfonietta, which has reaped both national and international acclaim. The finals concerts will be conducted by Yasuo Shinozaki. The results will be announced and the prizes awarded after the finals concert in Kotka.

Tickets for the finals concerts will be on sale at all Lippupalvelu (Ticket Service Finland: tel. +358 600 10 800, [www.lippupalvelu.fi](http://www.lippupalvelu.fi)) outlets and at the door one hour before concerts. The Kymi Sinfonietta office will also answer any enquiries about tickets, tel. +358 5 234 4891.

The Competition organisers are honoured that Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland, has agreed to be the official patron of the II International Uuno Klami Composition Competition.

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