

**MAX**BRAND  
COMPOSITION AWARD



INTERNATIONAL  
COMPOSITION COMPETITION  
2025

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The **MAX BRAND Composition Award** is being awarded for the second time as an international competition and is aimed at composers of all ages.

We are looking for an innovative work dedicated to and premiered by the **MAX BRAND Ensemble**. The composition should reflect the broad spectrum of new music, exploring new ground in the spirit of Max Brand – inspired by the rhythmic diversity of the world, the freedom of improvisation, the sounds of jazz, electronic innovation, and all forms of unconventional sound design.

The details of the instrumentation and technical requirements are available online: **maxbrand.info**

The **prize money** for the winning work is:

**€ 5,000**

(provided by the **Berndorf Private Foundation**)

The competition is announced by the MAX BRAND Ensemble and the INÖK - Interessengemeinschaft Niederösterreichische KomponistInnen. The jury will award prizes for a maximum of three compositions.

In the spirit of Austrian composer Max Brand, the MAX BRAND Ensemble seeks to foster innovative music and novel listening experiences. It is curious about compositional ideas that offer contemporary and unconventional perspectives, thereby also exploring musical boundary areas.

Artistic director and chair of the jury: **Richard Graf**

# APPLICATION DETAILS

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## ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to all individuals regardless of age, gender, or nationality. The submitted work must not have been performed, published by a publisher, or awarded a prize in another competition.

## DURATION OF THE COMPOSITION

10 - 15 minutes

## ENTRY DEADLINE

AUGUST 31, 2025

## AWARDS

**1st Prize:** € 5,000 (provided by the Berndorf Private Foundation) and performance by the MAX BRAND Ensemble as well as audio and video recording as part of the "TAGE der NEUEN MUSIK" on October 23, 2025, at the "Porgy & Bess" in Vienna.

**Special prize** for the best composition by a **female composer**: performance by the MAX BRAND Ensemble as well as audio and video recording as part of the "TAGE der NEUEN MUSIK" on October 23, 2025, at the "Porgy & Bess" in Vienna.

**Special prize** for the best composition by a composer **born after January 1, 1995**: performance by the MAX BRAND Ensemble as well as audio and video recording as part of the "TAGE der NEUEN MUSIK" on October 23, 2025, at the "Porgy & Bess" in Vienna.

The competition is organized and administered by the  
**INÖK – Interessengemeinschaft Niederösterreichische KomponistInnen.**

**Detailed information und registration:** [maxbrand.info](https://maxbrand.info)

**Contact:** [office@inoek.at](mailto:office@inoek.at)

**LEGAL CONDITIONS:** The copyright remains with the composers. The composer guarantees that the submitted work is free of third-party rights. The MAX BRAND Ensemble receives the right to perform the award-winning works and to make sound, image and video recordings and, if necessary, to exploit them. The jury has the right not to award prizes. If the performance cannot take place on the scheduled date for reasons beyond the organization of the MAX BRAND Composition Award, another date will be sought. The jury's decision is final and incontestable. Any legal recourse is excluded in all aspects of the competition. By submitting, the participant accepts the terms and conditions of the call. The submitted scores will remain in the archive of the MAX BRAND Ensemble.



The **MAX BRAND Ensemble** – Lower Austrian Ensemble for New Music – was founded in 2012.

Artistic Director: Richard Graf.



The **INÖK** – Interessengemeinschaft Niederösterreichische KomponistInnen (Composers' Association of Lower Austria) has been founded in 1989 and offers creative musicians in the province of Lower Austria a platform to document and present their work and thus the contemporary music scene. Every year, numerous works by Lower Austrian composers are performed nationally and internationally as part of concerts and cooperation projects. In addition, selected works have been published in the Lower Austrian Music Edition.

The following initiatives are associated with the INÖK:

NÖ MUSIKEDITION

TAGE DER NEUEN MUSIK

MAX BRAND Ensemble

**Imprint:**

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