



Rules of the Tapiola Choir International Choral Composition Competition 2026

1. Organizer

The organizer of the competition is Tapiola Choir (Tapiolan kuoron kannatusyhdistys ry).

2. Participation

The competition is open for all nationalities regardless of the applicant's age. The number of submissions is not limited and there is no entry fee for the competition. Each submission needs to be marked with an alias. Further info regarding the contact info should be attached to the submission email, including the full name, email and phone number of the composer. The information about applicant's contact details is only visible to the organizer.

3. Submission

The submission happens via email to competition@tapiolankuoro.fi. The email should include the applicant's full name, email and phone number as well as the submission in pdf-format and the CV of the applicant. Entry to the competition closes on the 18th of January 2026 at 11.59 p.m. (UTC+2, local Finnish time). Any applications submitted after this will not be taken into consideration.

4. Requirements

There are two competition categories:

- 1) SSA+divisions, a cappella
- 2) SSA+string ensemble (up to 15 players)

The composition must be performable with children's choirs of 30-45 singers and young players. It must be previously unperformed as well as unpublished and its duration must be between 3 and 5 minutes. The language, style/genre and content (sacred/profane) of the work can be chosen completely freely. The composer is responsible for requesting the necessary permission from the copyright holder of the text. The details regarding the publication of the composition will be negotiated separately.

5. Timeline

The jury will evaluate the works between January 19 and February 27, 2026. The composer is responsible for collating the rehearsal and performance materials. The practice material handed out to the choirs must include an alias of the composer. The choirs will begin rehearsals in the beginning of March 2026, by which time the rehearsal material must be complete and available. Award-winning composers will be informed about the performance in the beginning of May 2026. The winners awarded and the winning compositions will be performed in June 2026. The organizers will not cover any accommodation or travelling expenses of the competitors.

6. Prizes & Jury

A total of €6,000 will be awarded at the discretion of the jury. The jury also reserves the right to not to distribute prizes. Chairman of the jury is Pasi Hyökki, conductor and artistic director of the Tapiola Choir.

7. Other info

The organizer of the competition reserves the rights for the first performances of the awarded competition pieces until 30.5.2027. The organizers will have the right to record, video, televise, photograph, and broadcast the award ceremony.