



Call for International Competition

Bayreuth Scholarship and Richard-Wagner-Young-Talent-Award 2025

The Leipzig Opera and the Richard-Wagner-Association Leipzig are offering three scholarships for the Bayreuth Festival 2025 in the categories of "Singing," "Instrumental Music" (excluding solo piano and organ), and "Repetition" for Richard Wagner's work. The winners will receive the Richard Wagner Young Talent Prize:

1st Price 2.000€ | 2nd Price 1.000€ | 3rd Price 800€

The selection of participants will take place on

Thursday, January 16th, and Friday, January 17th, 2025,

each day from 10 am to 1 pm in the concert foyer of the Leipzig Opera.

Applicants between the ages of 18 and 35, who are enrolled at a European university, conservatory, or an equivalent institution and have not previously received a Bayreuth scholarship, are eligible to participate. The competition is open across Europe.

Application Contents:

- CV (including postal address, email, mobile phone number, and bank details)
- Proof of enrollment (current studies)
- Motivation letter
- Reference letter from a university professor or instructor
- Competition entry (a work of free choice and a work by Richard Wagner or his contemporaries)
- One or more MP3 recordings (for accompaniment: scenes with sung parts)

Additional Requirement for the "Repetition" Category:

Participants in the "Repetition" category should prepare an opera scene to be played and sung by themselves. Additionally, they will work with participating singers assigned by the jury.

Competition Process:

- Musical performance of approximately 10 to 15 minutes.
- Possible discussion with jury members, up to 10 minutes.
- Personal "feedback" from the jury at the end of the second day (optional).

The Jury:

- Prof. Christiane Libor, University of Music Karlsruhe (Chair)
- Prof. Rolf-Dieter Arens, Leipzig Cultural Foundation
- Peter Korfmacher, Leipziger Volkszeitung, Head of Culture Section
- Carolin Masur, Board Member of the Richard Wagner Association Leipzig
- Prof. Berthold Schmid, University of Music and Theatre Leipzig
- Tobias Wolff, General Director of Leipzig Opera

The Richard Wagner Young Talent Prize and the Bayreuth Scholarship can only be awarded if participants have not previously received such an award and are currently studying. In the first round, the jury will decide on invitations to the competition. The jury is entitled to interrupt and, if necessary, repeat competition performances. For external participants, one night's accommodation with breakfast will be provided. Travel to and from the event is the participant's responsibility.

The Richard Wagner Association, as the data controller, along with the sponsors of the competition, will process the personal data provided by the applicants solely for the purpose of selecting participants and conducting the competition. Only complete applications will be considered. During the competition, photos, video, and audio recordings of the participants will be made, which the organizers and sponsors may use for promoting the competition. The names of the prize winners will be published permanently. The legal basis for data processing is the initiation and execution of the contract regarding participation in the competition. Applicants' rights concerning their personal data, including the right to access, rectify, delete, or complain, are governed by the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Federal Data Protection Act.

By submitting their application, candidates expressly agree that photos, video, and audio recordings made during the competition can be used by the Richard Wagner Association Leipzig and its sponsors to promote the event.

The scholarship recipients are obliged to perform at the gala concert in honor of Richard Wagner on **Thursday, February 13th, 2025**, in the concert foyer of the Leipzig Opera and to attend the scholarship days in Bayreuth from **August 14th to August 19th, 2025**. They are requested to write a report about their experiences in Bayreuth. The prizes will be awarded during the Bayreuth Festival.

Please upload your application by **November 15th, 2024**, to:

<https://wagner-verband-leipzig.de/stipendiaten/>

Applicants will be informed about their acceptance to the competition
by December 1st, 2024.

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