

Rules of the YL Male Voice Choir International Choral Composition Competition 2025

1. Organizer

- The organizer of the competition is the YL Male Voice Choir (Ylioppilaskunnan Laulajat ry) <https://yl.fi/ylchoir/yl-male-voice-choir/>

2. Participation

- The competition is open for all nationalities regardless of the applicant's age.
- The number of works submitted to the competition is not limited.
- An alias must be used as the composer's name in every competing work.
- 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's secretary.

3. Submission

- The submission happens via email to (competition@yl.fi).
- The email should include the applicant's full name, email and phone number as well as the competing work in PDF format and the short CV of the applicant.
- Entry to the competition closes on the 17th of January 2025 at 11:59 p.m. (UTC+2, local Finnish time).
- Any works submitted after this will not be taken into consideration.

4. Requirements

- The category of the competition is TTBB + divisions, a cappella.
- The duration of the works must be between 3 and 5 minutes.
- The composition must be performable with a male voice choir of 30-50 singers.
- The composition must be previously unperformed as well as unpublished.
- The details regarding the publication of the composition will be negotiated separately.

5. Timeline

- The jury will evaluate the works between January 20 and February 28, 2025.
- The YL Male Voice Choir will begin rehearsals in the first week of March 2025.
- The winners awarded and the winning compositions will be performed in September 2025.

- Award-winning composers will be informed about the performance by the 15th of May 2025
- The organizers will not cover any accommodation or travelling expenses of the competitors.

6. Prizes & Jury

- Total prize amount €8,000 awarded at the discretion of the jury.
- The jury also has the right not to award prizes or the entire prize amount.
- Chairman on the jury is Pasi Hyökki, conductor and artistic director of the YL Male Voice Choir

7. Other info

- The organizer of the competition reserves the rights for the first performances of the awarded works until 31.5.2026.
- The organizer will have the right to record, video, televise, photograph, and broadcast first performances of the works and the award ceremony.