

## 2. EUROPEAN GUITAR AWARD (April 2009)

### Requirements for application

The European Guitar Award will be given to young creative solo guitarists and duo-constellations. Any musicians from all European countries may apply. There is only an age limit: Applicants have to be born after April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1979.

According to the basic philosophy of this award, every applicant presents him- or herself to the jury with their own compositions (compositions which are related to traditional tunes are also allowed).

There are neither restrictions to the type of the guitar used, nor are there restrictions to the stylistic direction of the pieces of music performed or their duration. However, the final round must not be longer than 15 minutes altogether; and music must be performed live by two musicians at most (the composer must be one of them). When there are two musicians performing as a duo, there are no restrictions as to what the second instrument should be.

The members of the jury will make their first selection by listening to CDs or tapes sent by the applicants. Each CD or tape recording must not be longer than 15–20 minutes. Applicants are asked to include information about composer and musician. The jury also needs information about the musical career of the applicant, his or her name, address and curriculum vitae plus a passport photo.

Please send everything to the following address:

Hochschule für Musik Dresden  
European Guitar Award  
Prof. Thomas Fellow  
Wettiner Platz 13  
D – 01067 Dresden

The application must be handed in in written form. Deadline is March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The jury will contact the applicants who were chosen to participate in the final round via email (email-address must be included in the application letter!) and regular mail.

### Final round

The final round will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Dresden (10 o'clock a.m. to 4 o'clock p.m.). The members of the jury will select up to twelve projects out of the many CDs and tapes sent to them. Each finalist may perform up to 15 minutes. If contestants wish to use PA or make a sound check, they may do so.

### The jury

Members of the jury will be internationally known and respected guitarists. The following are among them:

Martin Taylor (GB)  
Roland Dyens (F)  
Antonio Forcione (I)  
Pavel Steidl (CZ)  
Nguyen Le (Vtn)  
Thomas Fellow (D)

The jury's decisions cannot be challenged.

#### The award

The European Guitar Award will be awarded to exceptionally creative guitarists by decision of the jury. By implementing a selection process, the jury looks for musicians who are best able to combine their personal artful way of performing music with a high quality use of instruments.

The award may be divided among more than one contestants.

The winner(s) of the European Guitar Award will receive prize money in the amount of 12,000 Euro.

Winners will also be given the opportunity to participate in the YOUNG MASTERS TOUR and give concerts at various places.

The award will be given to the winners during a concert performed by these. The concert will take place on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in the "Neuer Konzertsaal" of the Hochschule für Musik Dresden.

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The contest is planned to take place every two years, cooperating with various European cities as hosts.

#### Application documents

- CD/tape with personally recorded compositions of the applicant (15-20 min.)
- short overview of the applicant's musical career and personal data (name, date of birth, etc. in English)
- passport photo
- address, telephone number, email-address

Please remark:

- Anything arriving after March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 cannot be counted.
- The jury's decisions cannot be challenged.
- The application papers will not be sent back.
- Applicants who were chosen to participate in the final round will be contacted via email or regular mail until March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

For further information please consult:

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