



Worldwide Competition for Music Theatre and new Opera

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Music Theatre NOW is once more calling creators from all over the world to submit daring and groundbreaking forms of professionally produced new works – from new opera to interactive audio-spatial experience, from staged concert to hybrid streaming aesthetics, the prestigious international award honours the most innovative projects from the most vibrant interdisciplinary art form of the present time.

The Music Theatre NOW Network in cooperation with the International Theatre Institute calls creators from all over the world to submit first productions of new works that premiered between July 2021 and June 2023 to the only international competition for music theatre and new opera.

Prizewinners will be invited to festivals and venues from partners of our network, where they will be able to present their work in various forms. This promotion of new music theatre has been a launchpad for several successful international careers.

Apply now with your recent innovative work for the premier international competition of music theatre

Open to all forms

The number of innovative, hybrid and digital music theatre projects has multiplied in recent years and in order to acknowledge this development of the genre, the competition is of course open to all forms of multi- and intermedia presentations – including interactive online works, live audio experiences and of course staged performances – as long as they integrate a performative aspect.

We are looking forward to your explorations of new aesthetics that push boundaries and tackle contemporary issues.

Our idea of music theatre is as wide as possible and encourages interdisciplinary submissions where music plays a dominant role **from all parts of the world** to take part – independently from the musical and theatrical tradition, their form of staging or presentation and their means of professional production.

Internationally renowned jury

A five-member internationally renowned jury will select a total of at least 6 prizewinning works that are exemplary in terms of the contemporary developments in music theatre: Sarah CRABTREE (London/UK), Mena Mark HANNA (Charleston/USA), Tisa HO (Hongkong/HKSAR), Marlene LE ROUX (Cape Town/South Africa), Andrea Caruso SATURNINO (Sao Paulo/Brazil).

Find out more about the jury, what to win, how to submit projects and necessary criteria on www.mtnow.org starting May 1st 2023.

Deadline for submission is June 30th 2023. Apply NOW!



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