

Submission of compositions with the theme of “Familiarity – Foreignness”

The Murau International Music Festival (MIMF) has been a yearly event since 2006 and this year it will take place from August 19–26. The festival consists of a choral and composition workshop as well as a three-part concert program. This year for the first time the festival has as its theme: “Familiarity – Foreignness”



Familiarity and Foreignness have many dimensions. They cannot only be linked to geographic areas, nations, religions or linguistic groups, but are also tied up with the affiliations to social classes, age groups and also social role models. A return to one’s familiar surroundings or group is not always possible. In that case, other mechanisms are necessary to produce a feeling of familiarity again. Ultimately, the factor of time plays an important role when it comes to finding the right balance between foreignness and familiarity. In view of current global migration, its roots in the countries of origin and its impact on the countries of destination, this topic has a strong contemporary relevance.

Musicians are invited to compose a work related to this theme “Familiarity – Foreignness” and submit their hitherto unpublished scores. Selected pieces will be premiered at the gala concert on August 26 under the artistic direction of Zane Zalis.

Criteria for submission:

- Genre: Pop-Classic-Crossover
- Works for mixed choir (SATB), string quintet, piano, percussion, bass guitar, electric guitar and/or keyboard
- Optional for solo singers
- Length: 3–7 minutes
- Languages: German or English
- Only unpublished, not previously performed compositions
- Fully edited scores as a .pdf file

The composers of the selected compositions will be invited to the gala concert as festival guests and will be presented to the audience. Accommodation and meals in Murau are also included at the invitation of the festival organizers.

Entry deadline: 16 May 2016

Contact Marko Zeiler per e-mail for composition submissions and any additional questions: office@mimf.at.

Please note that further information and any changes will be posted on an ongoing basis on: www.mimf.at.

We look forward to your contributions!