



Worldwide Competition for Music Theatre and new Opera

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The prestigious Music Theatre NOW Award seeks to honour daring and groundbreaking forms of professionally produced new works from the most vibrant interdisciplinary art form of the present time. From new opera to interactive audio-spatial experience, from staged concert to hybrid streaming aesthetics.

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 2018 and June 2021 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

Due to the current worldwide situation that challenges the performing arts, the Music Theatre NOW competition is for the first time 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 (DU Yun, Shanghai/China & New York/USA | Marlene LE ROUX, Cape Town/South Africa | Pamela LOPEZ, Santiago/Chile | Paola PRESTINI, New York/USA, Rainer SIMON, Berlin/Germany) will select a total of at least 6 prizewinning works that are exemplary in terms of the contemporary developments in music theatre for this unique opportunity of Music Theatre NOW Competition 2021.

Find out more about the jury, what to win, how to submit projects and necessary criteria on www.mtnow.org starting April 1st 2021.

Deadline for submission is June 30th 2021. Apply NOW!

