

ASAWCA

ALLMÄNNA SÅNGEN & ANDERS WALL
COMPOSITION AWARD

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Allmänna Sången & Anders Wall Composition Award

For the sixth time, Allmänna Sången and Anders Wall, in collaboration with Gehrman's Musikförlag AB, proudly present the Allmänna Sången & Anders Wall Composition Award, an international competition exclusively for women composers. The winner will receive a prize of SEK 50,000, and the winning composition will be premiered by Allmänna Sången and published by Gehrman's Musikförlag AB.

The Allmänna Sången & Anders Wall Composition Award was arranged for the first time in 2013, marking the 50th anniversary of Allmänna Sången as a mixed choir. To celebrate this milestone, the choir, together with Anders Wall, initiated a competition dedicated to women composers. The aim of the award is to highlight and support the work of women composers. Through this initiative, we hope to receive many inspiring contributions from around the world that will enrich and advance modern-day choral music.

The competition is open to women composers worldwide, regardless of nationality or professional background. All submissions will be reviewed by a distinguished international jury.

Maria Goundorina, conductor of Allmänna Sången and member of the jury, shares:

"Having the opportunity to help organize a competition like this, where you get the freedom and privilege to experience so many people's talent and styles, is truly exciting and a rare honor. It's been thrilling to hear submissions from all over the world during the competition's previous five editions. To ensure our competition remains open to women from across the globe, we continue to welcome entries written in any language. Let us together establish one of the world's most important choral composition competitions!"

Anna-Karin Klockar, winner of ASAWCA 2016, shares her thoughts on the competition:

"Although I don't see myself as a competitive person, I thought ASAWCA might be an opportunity for my music to gain exposure. It became my first contact with a sheet music publisher and, for the music, even an unexpected journey out into the world. Dare to take the chance, especially if you are a young or emerging composer creating choral music that deserves to 'travel,' but you're not quite sure how."

The deadline for composers to submit their application is December 31, 2026. The premiere of the winning piece and award ceremony will take place in the spring 2027 in Uppsala, Sweden.

For more information, contact project manager Veera Nogerius, award@allmannasangen.se, or chair Mica Håll, ordforande@allmannasangen.se.

More information about the competition is available at www.allmannasangen.se/asawca. The website is updated continuously.

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March 8 - December 31, 2026