



## TOIVO KUULA SINGING COMPETITION 2025

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## 27 singers selected for the preliminary competition of the Toivo Kuula Singing Competition 2025

The video qualification phase of the Toivo Kuula Singing Competition has concluded, and 27 singers have been chosen to advance to the preliminary round. A total of 84 applicants from nine countries participated in the qualifying round.

The chair of the jury, **Kirsi Tiihonen**, praised the high standard of the participants and noted the strong international interest in the competition. She highlighted the exceptional representation of low voices compared to previous years. Alongside Tiihonen, the jury included **Jaakko Ryhänen**, **Mari Palo**, and **Sirkka Lamminen**, all of whom emphasized the importance of overall performance, text interpretation, and emotional expression.

### Participants selected for the preliminary round:

*Hannele Ahola, Volodymyr Andrushchak, Tuuri Dede, Yolanda Harding, Emma Hartikainen, Heikki Hattunen, Karoliina Hautala, Janrik Häkkinen, Johanna Isokoski, Joonas Juntunen, Elin Lidén, Julia Malik, Eleriin Mүүripeal, Anu Ontronen, Joonas Orrain, Saara Puolitaival, Vilja-Maria Riutamaa, Heta Sammalisto, Luke Scott, Nataliia Shumska, Janne Sihvo, Sam Taskinen, Lauri Turpeinen, Sonja Turtinen, Maria Turunen, Stella Tähtinen, and Satu-Kristina Vesa.*

### Preliminary competition open to the public

For the first time, the preliminary round will be open to the public and will take place on January 19, 2025, at the **Seinäjoki-sali**. Audiences are welcome to attend throughout the day to enjoy the performances. A detailed schedule and tickets will be available before christmas.

The competition will culminate in the final round, held in Alavus on August 9–10, 2025.

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