

Competition:

# Who will pen the lyrics for the jubilee?

**LUND UNIVERSITY WILL CELEBRATE ITS 350th ANNIVERSARY FROM 19 DECEMBER 2016 TO 28 JANUARY 2018**

The celebrations will include symposia, parties, exhibitions, student evenings and musical events. An original piece of music will be composed for the jubilee and performed by the Academic Orchestra, the Academic Choir and soloists. Hans Gefors, opera composer and former professor at Lund University's Academy of Music, will compose the work.

**WE ARE ANNOUNCING A COMPETITION** for authorship of the lyrics to the original composition for choir, orchestra and soloists. The idea is a text which can be set to a melody and sung, or recited and integrated into the musical piece. Imagine a collage in which music and lyrics alternate throughout the performance.

We would like to try to renew an ancient jubilee tradition in an unconventional way and are looking for innovative approaches which can nevertheless be suitable in a ceremonial context. We can also imagine – with the authors' permission – using fragments from different texts, which would mean selecting more than one winner.

The text can take various forms: rhyming or free verse, prose or chant.

Possible keywords – but don't let your inspiration be limited by these suggestions:

university, research, education, general knowledge, analysis, student life, meetings of young people, global issues, personal development, creative environment, new knowledge, questioning existing knowledge, long-term view, Lund, Lundsian qualities, humour and seriousness, levity and gravity ...

**A total of SEK 25 000 will be awarded for the best contribution/s.**

**THE WINNER WILL BE SELECTED** by a jury consisting of Katarina Bernhardsson, PhD in Comparative Literature and former editor of *Lundagård*, Göran Bexell, former vice-chancellor and chair of the Jubilee committee, Sigrid Combüchen, author and lecturer at the Lund University School of Creative Writing, Cecilia Martin-Löf, director of the Lund Academic Choir, and Johan Stenström, Professor of Comparative Literature, former director of the School of Creative Writing.

**ALL CONTRIBUTIONS** are to be anonymous. Send in your contribution as a text in an unmarked envelope (with no sender details). Place that envelope in another, sealed envelope containing the author's name and contact details. The deadline for submitting your contribution is **Monday 31 August 2015**; send it to *Göran Bexell, Pufendorf Institute, Lund University, Box 117, 221 00 LUND*.

Questions about the jubilee lyrics can be addressed to Johan Stenström, [johan.stenstrom@litt.lu.se](mailto:johan.stenstrom@litt.lu.se) or Göran Bexell, [goran.bexell@rektor.lu.se](mailto:goran.bexell@rektor.lu.se).

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Best regards

*Katarina Bernhardsson, Göran Bexell, Sigrid Combüchen, Cecilia Martin-Löf, Johan Stenström*