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The results of the semifinals Friday 6.9 IX JORMA PANULA INTERNATIONAL CONDUCTING COMPETITION

In the semifinals the six contestants got to work with a large orchestra on stage Vaasa City Orchestra together with Jyväskylä Sinfonia altogether 60 musicians.

The repertoire was *Claude Debussy's* orchestral work *La Mer* and *Jean Sibelius' Violin concerto in D minor, Op. 47*. Soloist in the concerto is the Finnish violinist, **Tami Pohjola**. The same repertoire will be in the finals on Saturday at 19.00.

After the jury meeting at 18.30 the three finalists in the IX JORMA PANULA CONDUCTING COMPETITION are: **Bénati Félix** (France), **Staiger Eric** (Germany), **Uusitupa Kasmir** (Finland).

The finalists will conduct one movement each of *La Mer* (Claude Debussy) and the Violin concerto I D minor, Op 47 (Jean Sibelius). The wonderful violinist Tami Pohjola is the soloist in the concerto. The Grande finale starts at 19.00 in Vaasa City Hall. The winner will receive a prize of 11 000 euros.



The second day, 6.9. of the Jorma Panula MINIKAPU competition was a surprise.

The second round of the MINIKAPU with the 7 contestants together with Wasa Sinfonietta took place from 18.30-20.45. The contestants worked *Jean Sibelius' piece Pelléas & Mèlisande, movement I At the Castle gate*. As the jury decided after day one all contestants performed for a second time. After decision at 21.00 The jury announced the finalists. To the final on Saturday at 17.00 are **four!** contestants, **Maximilian Fagerlund, Helena Kujala, Maximilian Leicher** and **Arijus Šreckis**.

In tomorrow's finals at 17.00 the four finalists get to conduct the movement *III A spring in the park*. And the movement *VII Entr'acte* also from the *Pelléas and Mèlisande*.

More information about the contestants and the soloists you find at the webpage <https://panulacompetition.fi/en/participants> More information about the jury you find at <https://panulacompetition.fi/en/competition>

More information about the MINIKAPU you find here: <https://panulacompetition.fi/fi/minikapu>
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