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Start of application for the "International Hanns Eisler Scholarship of the City of Leipzig 2019"

The composer's birthplace offers an international scholarship for the first time.

The life of the composer Hanns Eisler reflects the ideological catastrophes of the 20th century like no other. Born in Leipzig and raised in Vienna, he was one of Arnold Schönberg's most important pioneers of contemporary music. As a convinced communist, he fought Nazism with artistic means. As a Jew he was forced to flee to the USA. After the Second World War he returned to a Europe that first had to find its way back to freedom and humanity.

In the sense of a vivid remembrance of the life and work of Hanns Eisler, the City of Leipzig is offering an international scholarship for the first time. This is conceived and implemented by Eisler-Haus Leipzig e. V. in cooperation with the Cultural Office of the City of Leipzig. The scholarship, which is aimed at promising composers from all over the world, forms the core of a Europe-wide unique Composer in Residence Programme. The scholarship holder is given the opportunity to live for five months free of charge in the recently renovated birth apartment of Hanns Eisler at Hofmeisterstraße 14 in Leipzig and to devote himself to a previously conceived work project. The stay is accompanied by financial support of around one thousand euros per month.

The scholarship also includes a guest auditorium at the University of Music and Theatre »Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy« Leipzig. Depending on age and biography, it is also possible to give courses at the University of Music.

The Leipzig-based composer Steffen Schleiermacher will premiere at least one of the works to be created during the five-month working and living scholarship in a final concert of the Gewandhaus series *musica nova*. It is also Schleiermacher who chairs the selection jury that decides on the award of the scholarship at the beginning of September. The winner will be announced to the media from 11 October and announced on the association's website.

Applicants can submit their application documents until 6 July 2018, the 120th birthday of Hanns Eisler.

Further information on the call, the conditions of participation and the selection procedure can be found at www.eisler-haus-leipzig.de.