

Orkester Norden Report 16.11.2023

Orkester Norden Rotation and NSR 2024

Answers to the questions by the CC Board have been sent to the NSR (attachment 1).

Tapani has written 30 years history text of Orkester Norden. The text has been translated into Swedish (attachment 2).

Funding procedure of the Nordic Council of Ministers will be changed. In the future the grant decisions will be made in the spring time and these funds can be used during the following year after the decision. This means that in the future funding can be secured already before the planning, agreements and auditions of the musicians are made. This is good for Orkester Norden beginning from 2025 because funding for 2025 can be secured in 2024. But on the other hand, it means that for 2024 we must apply funding from other sources. First applications for Finnish Funds and Foundations have already been made. In addition, we are looking for European sources of funding.

Like written in the answers in attachment 1, MD 107 Finland and the Finnish and Icelandic ON Host Organizations have proposed that Finland would be granted one more extra year 2025 for hosting Orkester Norden, and transfer to Iceland would be in 2026. This would mean that the new funding system of the Nordic Council of Ministers will be well in place before the transfer. The first Teams-meeting between the Finnish and Icelandic Host Organizations will be held on Nov. 22, 2023. The change in the ON rotation i.e. one extra year 2025 to Finland, should be approved by the NSR Council in January.

The change in the rotation means that no Ad Hoc committee is needed. But in order to improve Nordic networking, cooperation and Lions involvement in Orkester Norden it would be important to have a meeting of Orkester Norden Country Coordinators at the NSR, like we had last January. We would need about five hours for the meeting, including a lunch break. The meeting should not overlap with the Council meeting in the NSR program.

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