

For Immediate Release

Vienna Composer Contest

Hosted by Vienna Symphonic Library & 2nd Foundation Music

Vienna, February 1, 2023 – 20 years ago Vienna Symphonic Library shipped their first sample libraries and, to celebrate this anniversary, the Austrian company is running a competition in collaboration with production music label 2nd Foundation Music. Prizes range from 12 x €500 Vienna Vouchers to three complete Synchron Packages worth more than €9,000 each, to a contract with 2nd Foundation Music who will release and distribute the winner's six-track orchestral album, recorded at Synchron Stage Vienna.

The competition is open to all composers looking to break into the world of library music, and whose work isn't already available through mainstream distributors. There is no age limit, and participants will work with Vienna's HELLO Free Instruments or demo licenses, so there's no requirement to purchase any product.

The Vienna Composer Contest consists of three rounds:

Round 1

February 1 - March 31, 2023

Participants will write a 30 seconds piece, only using the sounds of Vienna's HELLO Free Instruments. The jury of 2nd Foundation Music and Vienna Symphonic Library staff members listens out for musicality, creativity and originality. No additional effect plug-ins are allowed, but participants can use the internal effects and capabilities of the Vienna Synchron Player to the full extent. Mp3 and project files of the first round need to be uploaded to the VSL website at <https://vsl.co.at/ViennaComposerContest> before March 31, 12 pm/24:00 CET.

Round 2

April 21 - May 31, 2023

Each of the 12 semi-finalists who will move on to the second round will receive Vienna Vouchers worth €500. In this round participants will write a one minute piece of music to a brief by 2nd Foundation Music using a temporary license of Vienna's Synchron Prime Edition. Composers

will receive professional feedback and advice from the label on their initial upload, and will be able to submit a second draft from these notes.

Round 3

June 1 - 30, 2023

Three finalists will go through to the third and final round and each will win a complete Synchron Package. They will write an entirely new, full-length track to a detailed brief by 2nd Foundation Music. At this stage participants will work closely with the label to hone their tracks. This will be a valuable opportunity to refine their craft, and to get further insight into the process of writing for library music.

Winner Announcement

July 1, 2023

The winner of the Vienna Composer Contest will sign a contract with 2nd Foundation Music and, with guidance from the label, go on to write a further five tracks to create a well-balanced, marketable EP. All six tracks will then be recorded at Synchron Stage Vienna, with 2FM director Daryl Griffith conducting the Synchron Stage Orchestra. Once released in the fall of 2023, the music will be available as library music with distributors throughout the world, including APM Music, BAM, BMG, Upright Music and Warner Chappell Production Music.

More details and terms can be found at <https://vsl.co.at/ViennaComposerContest>.

Banners are available here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1D_EjVpKwv5MXHKhZQYxzDtNB3dI3JD-Y

About Vienna Symphonic Library

The Vienna Symphonic Library is an innovative, research-driven music software and sample library developer based in Vienna, Austria. The team continually strives to improve virtual orchestral music production with a special emphasis on authenticity and ease-of-use. Vienna Instruments and the Synchron Series libraries, the company's multi-award-winning virtual instruments in the formats AU, VST, and AAX Native, encompass an exhaustive range of solo instruments and ensembles, from their flagship string libraries Synchron Strings Pro and Synchron Elite Strings, Synchron Pianos including concert grands by Bösendorfer, Fazioli, Steinway, Yamaha and Blüthner, to special instruments such as the Great Rieger Organ of the

Vienna Konzerthaus, historic and ethnic wind instruments, drums and percussion, and even distorted guitar. Acclaimed software products include the Vienna Synchron Player, Vienna Instruments Pro, Vienna Ensemble Pro, Vienna MIR Pro 3D and Vienna Suite Pro. In 2016, the company launched an entirely new venture: Synchron Stage Vienna, a unique scoring stage in Austria's capital that accommodates orchestras of up to 130 musicians, merges proprietary software innovations and revolutionary approaches with state-of-the-art recording technologies and procedures.

www.vsl.co.at.

About 2nd Foundation Music

2nd Foundation Music is the home of high-quality production music, where every track is recorded with live musicians. Founded in 2015 by composers Daryl Griffith and Bradley Farmer, the label has since released over eighty albums spanning a range of sounds, from epic orchestras to gritty guitars, slinky jazz to cheeky pizzicato. The credits list has grown to include Star Wars trailers, a Maserati commercial, The Late Show, Saturday Night Live, The Aeronauts, NASCAR and the NFL, to name a few. Clients include Amazon Studios, Netflix, Sky, CBS, NBC, Nickelodeon, StudioCanal, the New York Times, the Discovery Channel and National Geographic. 2nd Foundation Music is represented by distributors around the world including APM Music, Warner Chappell Production Music, BMG Production Music, Upright Music and BAM Music.

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