

The Queen Sonja International Music Competition 2021  
Semi-final  
Lindeman Hall, Sunday 24 October

- 14.30      **Opening**  
Welcome to the Queen Sonja International Music Competition  
*Einar Solbu, Chair of the board*  
*Lars Flaeten, Executive Director*  
*Ane Wadd-Oseth, Project Manager*
- Competition partners  
*Anna Elisabet Einarsson, Dean, Oslo National Academy of the Arts, Academy of opera*  
*Astrid Kvalbein, Principal, the Norwegian Academy of Music*
- Video presentations  
*Members of the jury*  
*Semi-finalists 1-4*
- 15.00 - 16.20      **Semi-final**  
*Contestants 1-4*
- 16.20 - 17.00      **Meet the competition panel of Norwegian casting directors**  
The panel will select semi-finalists for opera and concert engagements in Norway:  
*Espen Langvik, Head of Opera, Arctic Philharmonic*  
*Kari Standal Pavelich, Opera Director, Opera Nordfjord*  
*Britt Westavik, Production Manager, Operaen i Kristiansund*  
*Eivind Gullberg Jensen, Artistic Director, Bergen National Opera*  
*Elizabeth Norberg-Schulz, Opera Director, Opera Rogaland*  
*Fredrik Akselberg, Head of Production, Opera Østfold*
- What are the essentials for today's young singers?**  
*Mary Miller (QSIMC board member) in conversation with Lars Flaeten*
- Video presentations  
*Semi-finalists 5-8*
- 17.00 - 18.05      **Semi-final**  
*Contestants 5-8*
- 18.05 - 18.30      Intermission
- Video presentations  
*Semi-finalists 9-12*
- 18.30 - 19.50      **Semi-final**  
*Contestants 9-12*
- 19.50              Intermission
- 21.00              **Announcement of the results**  
*Birgitta Svendén, Chair of the Jury*