



Artistic Resume

Robert Saul Sebastian Ruohola – composer-conductor

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Education

- 2017–2023 **Sibelius Academy, Composition (B.Mus. 2017–2020, M.Mus. 2020–2023)**
Composition teachers Juhani Nuorvala, Lauri Kilpiö
- 2022 **USC Thornton School Of Music, Composition (Exchange, M.Mus.)**
Aug-Dec Composition teacher Ted Hearne
Conducting teacher Larry Livingston
- 2021 **Royal Academy of Music (London), Composition (ERASMUS Exchange)**
Sep-Dec Composition teacher David Sawer
- 2019– **Panula Academy, Orchestral Conducting**
Conducting teacher Jorma Panula
- 2014–2016 **Turku Conservatory of Music, Classical Piano Performance**
Instrumental teachers Evelina Kytömäki (Piano), Markku Jokinen (Violin)

Achievements and Activities in Composition (Selected)

Awards

- Oct 2022 *Finnish Institute in West Africa Stipendiary (Residency period March 2023)*
- Sep 2022 *Finnish Institute in Athens Stipendiary (Residency period April-May 2023)*
- March 2022 *Chorus Austin Choral Competition Finalist*
- Nov 2021 *RED NOTE New Music Festival Composition Competition Finalist*
- Aug 2021 *Juventas New Music Ensemble Call for Scores winner*
- Nov 2020 *Special Mention in Pirkanmaan Pinna Wind Band Competition*
- Jan 2020 *Winning Entry in Eviva & Exaudio's composition competition for female choir*

Masterclasses

- Oct 2021 *Tansy Davies Composition Masterclass*
- Jan 2020 *Chaya Chernowin Composition Masterclass*
- Feb 2020 *Pessi Levanto Film Scoring Seminar*

Summer Festivals and Workshops

Aug 2022	<i>Impulse New Music Festival Composition Fellow</i>
July 2022	<i>Upbeat Summer Festival Composition Fellow (teacher Joel Hoffman)</i>
July 2022	<i>Time of Music Viitasaari Composition Fellow (teacher Mauro Lanza)</i>
June 2021	<i>American Music Festival Orchestrating for the 21st Century with Christopher Theofanidis</i>
June- Aug 2021	<i>Atlantic Music Festival</i>
2020	<i>Mostly Modern Festival (canceled due to COVID-19)</i>

Work in Music (Selected)

2022	Composition Teacher <i>Teaching Composition at Korvat Auki Masterclass for the Students of Turku Conservatory</i>
2022–	Project manager, Ennenkuulumatonta! New Choral Music Concert <i>The job includes gathering funds to put together a choral concert of new music</i>
2020–2021	Project manager, Kontakt! New Orchestral Music Concert <i>The job included gathering 12800 € in funds to put together an orchestral concert of new music. The concert was produced together with Helsinki Chamber Orchestra, and it was broadcasted by YLE Klassinen</i> LINK TO CONCERT (December 2021)
2018–2019	Artistic Leader, Palmgren Ensemble <i>The job included Selecting, arranging the repertoire for and conducting an orchestra hired by the City of Pori</i> LINK TO CONCERT (Pori Jazz 2018)

Grants (Selected)

June 2022	The Finnish Music Foundation, working grant 1900 €
May 2022	Teosto, commissioning grant 2000 €
March 2022	Madetoja Foundation, commissioning grant 2000 €
Feb 2022	The Finnish Music Foundation, working grant 1900 €
Dec 2021	Sibelius Foundation, commissioning grant 2500 €
May 2021	The Finnish Music Foundation, working grant 1900 €

Positions of Responsibility (Selected)

	<u>Ears Open Society</u>
2021–2022	<i>Chairperson</i>
	<u>Student Division of Sibelius Academy</u>
2019–2020	<i>Chairperson</i>

Biography

Robert Ruohola is a composer-conductor from Helsinki, Finland, whose influences range from Sibelius's symphonies to pop and beyond. He has composed music for the Albany Symphony, Helsinki Chamber Orchestra and Helsinki Police Band among others, and his pieces *The Sun, my Father* and *Gates of Light* have been awarded in Eviva & Exaudio's and Juventas New Music Ensemble's competitions. Ruohola's core musical values, which include perceptual freshness and instantaneity of expression, cohere across a diverge range of musical means. Ruohola studied composition at the University of Southern California with Ted Hearne, the Royal Academy of Music (London) with David Sawer, and is currently finishing his Master's degree at the Sibelius Academy with Juhani Nuorvala. Ruohola has been studying conducting at the Panula Academy with Jorma Panula since 2019.
