

University of the Arts Student Union's first own representative council elections are coming!

You too have the possibility to make an impact on students' common affairs by voting or becoming a candidate. In this letter you'll find information about the representative council, voting and becoming a candidate.

What council? What elections?

The council, "edari", is sort of like the parliament of the Student Union. It holds the highest decision making power in the Student Union and it makes decisions on eg. what the students' opinion on something is, how big the membership fee is, how the money is spent and who will be elected to the Student Union board to lead the daily activities.

The council has 21 members and 21 vice members who are elected for a two year period via official elections in the fall of every second year. **The nomination of candidates** for this year's elections is now on and ends on **October 7th at noon**. Voting is conducted on the **election days October 31st and November 5th and 6th** on voting venues situated in each academy.

Where and how can I vote?

The advance voting is on Thursday October 31st, and the official voting days are November 5th and 6th. All members of ArtSU who are registered as present students in the University of the Arts can vote. Your voting venue is determined according to the academy where you have your principal study right, and you can vote only at your own academy's voting venue as listed below. If you wish to change your voting venue you can send a request by e-mail to taiyo-toimisto@uniarts.fi by October 15th at noon.

Principal students of the **Academy of Fine Arts** vote as follows:

- Thursday October 31st; 11am-6pm; Fabriikki (Hämeentie 13 A, inner yard, Helsinki)
- Tuesday November 5th 11am-6pm Taiteen talo (Kaikukatu 4, Helsinki)
- Wednesday November 6th 11am-6pm Taiteen talo (Kaikukatu 4, Helsinki).

Principal students of the **Sibelius Academy** (excluding the Kuopio unit) vote as follows:

- Thursday October 31st; 11am-6pm; T-building (Töölönkatu 28, Helsinki)
- Tuesday November 5th; 11am-6pm; R-building (Pohjoinen Rautatiekatu 9, Helsinki)
- Wednesday November 6th; 11am-6pm; Music Centre (Töölönlahdenkatu 16 C, Helsinki).

Principal students of the **Theatre Academy** vote as follows:

- Thursday October 31st; 11am-6pm; Dep. of Light and Sound Design (Lintulahdenkatu 3, Helsinki)
- Tuesday November 5th; 11am-6pm; Theatre Academy (Haapaniemenkatu 6, Helsinki)
- Wednesday November 6th; 11am-6pm; Theatre Academy (Haapaniemenkatu 6, Helsinki).

Principal students of **Sibelius Academy's Kuopio unit** can only participate in the advance voting:

- Thursday October 31st; 11am-6pm; Kuopio unit (Kuopionlahdenkatu 23 C, Kuopio).

What to do if I'm studying abroad as an exchange student or in Seinäjoki?

Members of the Student Union who are currently studying abroad as exchange students or in Sibelius Academy's Seinäjoki unit can vote by mail. If you wish to cast your vote by mail you must register via e-mail to taiyo-toimisto@uniarts.fi by Tuesday October 15th at noon and the votes must arrive to the Student Union by Tuesday November 5th at the latest. If you have registered to vote by mail you cannot vote in the ballot box vote.



How can I become a candidate?

Becoming a candidate is easy: all you have to do is fill in one form and return it to the right place by October 7th at noon. In addition you can join a coalition and take part in adding your coalition to an alliance. Coalitions and alliances are voluntary but they can benefit you because of the relative vote counting system. You can print out all the forms (nomination for candidacy, coalition and alliance forms) from ArtSU's web page www.taideylioppilaskunta.fi and they are also available in the places listed below.

Return the filled forms to one of the following places by Monday October 7th at noon during their opening hours (the receiver will sign your form as received):

University of the Arts Student Union office (Töölönkatu 28, 4th floor)

Academy of Fine Arts, information desk (Kaikukatu 4, lobby)

Theatre Academy, administration service desk (Haapaniemenkatu 6, 3rd floor)

Sibelius Academy's Kuopio unit, office (Kuopionlahdenkatu 23 C).

You can return all forms also by mail to the following address – please note that also forms sent by mail must arrive to the Student Union by Monday October 7th at noon and the sender is responsible for the forms arriving on time:

University of the Arts Student Union / Representative council elections; Töölönkatu 28; 00260 Helsinki (write "election document" on the envelope).



Further information about everything possible regarding the elections (voting, becoming a candidate, coalitions and alliances etc) can be found at ArtSU's webpage www.taideylioppilaskunta.fi. You can also contact us for further details.

Be brave! Take part!

Election greetings,

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