

**NordOpera network  
&  
Joint Study Program in  
OPERA COACHING**

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# Nordopera network

Starting from 2019-2020, Nordopera network is coordinated by Sibelius Academy.

In 2019-2020, Nordplus funding available for:

- Mobility 25.000 €
- Intensive Course *Bel Canto* (in Vilnius) 46.110 €
- Joint Study Program *Opera Coaching* 46.600 €

In addition:

Real-Life Auditions for singers

- agents and opera house representatives invited
- 31st October in Helsinki



# Development of Joint Study Program in Opera Coaching: Planning year 2018-2019

Three institutions:

- Operahögskolan in Stockholm
- NMH in Oslo
- Sibelius Academy in Helsinki
  
- Opera coaching/Collaborative piano is marginal as a subject area, but the profession requires command of large repertoire and versatile skills, such as score playing and reproducing orchestral texture on piano.
  
- There is a need to join forces in order to plan education & student recruitment together.
  
- Despite of some administrative challenges, there is a common aim and will to continue planning and piloting course modules, which can later form a joint study program. Decisions on actual JSP not made yet.



# **JSP Opera Coaching Course module pilots in 2019-2020**

- 1. Italian Opera (Oslo, Oct 2019)**
- 2. Music Drama Recitativ (Stockholm, Nov 19)**
- 3. Conducting from Piano (Helsinki, Feb 2020)**
- 4. Meistersinger Production  
(Oslo opera, March-April 2020)**

**Dissemination seminar will take place, hopefully  
in connection with the Nordopera Intensive  
Course of Bel Canto in Vilnius (Sept 2020)**



# **JSP Opera Coaching**

## **Possible future modules**

- **Forum, Critical response process**
- **Piano master class**
- **Course of recits and drama together with singers and director**
- **Coaching master class**
- **Repertoire (certain language & style)**
- **Conducting**
- **Special repertoire (together with other programs, such as modern opera etc.)**
- **Professional integration: Job audition, Meeting professionals**
- **Production skills; schedules and time planning**



**Thank you**