

Do you want to participate in Söngvakeppnin 2016?

ARE YOU NOT AN ICELANDIC CITIZEN OR DO YOU JUST DON'T SPEAK ICELANDIC?

THEN PLEASE READ THIS:

Thank you for showing an interest in the Icelandic Song Contest, Söngvakeppnin 2016, one of the biggest TV-events in Iceland. We are celebrating our 30th Anniversary next year, so we are diving into this year's preparations with big enthusiasm!

The rules of Söngvakeppnin 2016 are in translation and will be published in English on our website shortly. There you can read in detail all there is to know about Söngvakeppnin 2016. Until then, we would like to inform you of some important things, especially regarding the participation of non-Icelandic songwriters in the competition:

The competition:

Söngvakeppnin 2016 will be held in the form of three live TV-shows; Two Semi-Finals on February 6th and 13th and one Grand Final on February 20th 2016. Further details about the venues and ticket sale will be announced shortly. Six songs compete in each Semi-Final, whereof three will continue to the Grand Final. A total of six songs will therefore compete in the Grand Final, but a special Jury will have the power to choose a seventh „Wildcard“ to go through to the Grand Final.

Right to submit songs:

Only songwriters with an Icelandic citizenship or those with a permanent residence in Iceland between September 1st 2015 and May 15th 2016 are allowed to submit songs in Söngvakeppnin 2016. However, Icelandic songwriters are allowed to co-write songs and lyrics with non-Icelandic songwriters in such way that two thirds (2/3) of the song and one half (1/2) of the lyrics must be by Icelandic composers/lyricists.

Language:

All songs in the Semi-Finals must be performed in Icelandic and the Icelandic lyrics must be attached when submitting the song. However, in the Grand Final all the competing songs must be performed in the language that the artist intends to perform the song in ESC 16 in Sweden if he wins Söngvakeppnin 2016.

Submitting your song:

All songs are to be uploaded through our website, www.ruv.is/songvakeppnin, with the necessary info needed. The deadline ends November 2nd 2015 at 11:59 am (at noon). An English translation of the uploading manual is also on its way.

We do hope that this will answer some of your first questions. Do not hesitate to send us an e-mail if you have further questions.

GOOD LUCK!