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The Embassy of the Republic of Turkey presents its compliments to the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Albania and has the honor to inform the Latter of the following;

The new stars of the opera world will rise once more in the Istanbul skies at the 8th Leyla Voice Competition. The competition will be organized by the Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (IKSV) and Accademia Teatro alla Scala, with the kind collaboration of the Polish National Opera. The competition is dedicated to the estimable memory of "La Diva Turca" Leyla Gencer and it was held under her patronage until she passed away in 2008.

The Leyla Gencer Voice Competition is honoured to have Luciana Serra to preside the jury in its 8th edition. The competition distinguishes for its international jury, which includes some of the most influential figures from different fields in the profession, as much as for its previous winners, who have subsequently launched on truly international careers. This year's preliminary auditions, to be held in six centres throughout Europe, will once more provide an opportunity for young opera singers across all continents to showcase their talent. Accademia Teatro alla Scala and Polish National Opera launches a special awards for this year.

The 8th edition of the Leyla Gencer Voice Competition is open to singers between the ages of 18 and 32 from all voice categories, is scheduled for September 2015. The applications will be open until the 1st of June, after which the preliminary auditions will be held in Berlin, Istanbul, London, Milan, Paris, and Warsaw throughout the month of June. The final series of the competition will then take place in Istanbul on 6-11 September.

Any information regarding the competition of which the posters are enclosed herewith would be provided by the liaison officers of the IKSV via the e-mail address and contact information stated below.

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The Embassy requests kind assistance of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Albania to announce to the contest applicants, and also to provide the details of the participants and contact details via the e-mail address stated above until 1 June 2015.

The Embassy of the Republic of Turkey avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Albania the assurances of its highest consideration.



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