



THE FINLANDIA FOUNDATION, NEW YORK METROPOLITAN CHAPTER, INC.

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Newsletter November/December 2008

Magical Holiday Greetings from the Finlandia Foundation NY Metropolitan Chapter!

The Holiday Season is upon us and is greeting us with the magical time of Christmas and Hanukkah. For me personally, it is the most exciting time of the year. It seems that the holiday magic touches each and everyone of us making us more spiritual and cheerful. Is it the city's wonderful lights, Rockefeller Center Christmas tree, ice skating at Central Park, Christmas bazaars or holiday parties around the town? Or is it when we start preparing our home for Christmas and looking forward to spending time with our loved ones, relatives and friends?

It is all of the above, it is the magical time of the year with the air full of good spirits and cheers.

This is the season when we all are very busy. I would suggest, however, that we take a break and attend the festivities the Finnish community provides us. Let us together make magical and unforgettable memories by attending Finlandia Foundation's December events!

Our Program Committee has been busy preparing these events. Our traditional Independence Day Celebration on Sunday, December 7th always moves the audience with emotions and is spiritually inspiring. Celebrating the birthday of Finland makes us proud to be Finns.

And what about our Pikkujoulu Christmas Party, on Friday, December 12th? You will be offered traditional Finnish Christmas buffet and Anne's special glögg. And let's not forget the tradition of singing together old Christmas carols which bring us back memories from our childhood in Finland or in the US.

Please join us also to hear the exciting piano recital by Arto Satukangas who will have his American debut concert at Carnegie Hall on Thursday, December 4th.

Let Finlandia Foundation be part of your Christmas Holiday magic!

Last but not least, I would like to remind you that our Gala Dinner Dance, on Saturday, March 7th, 2009, is around the corner. Our Dance Committee is working very hard to make it a most exciting event; they even plan to have a famous surprise performer!

Please take a look at our schedule for details of all our holiday happenings.

My warmest Holiday Wishes to you and your family! Joulurauhaa!

Looking forward to seeing you,
Tarja Silverman
President



Advance Notice –Mark your calendar!

Dinner, Dancing & Entertainment

Saturday, March 7th, 2009

The Finlandia Foundation, New York Metropolitan Chapter, Inc.
50th Annual Awards Dinner Dance to benefit Cultural and Grant Funds

Honoring

MARIMEKKO

at The Union League Club, 38 East 37th St, New York, NY



THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND - INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 7th, 2008 at 3:00 pm

Park Avenue Methodist Church, 106 East 86th Street, New York City
(corner of Park Avenue and 86th Street)

The Finlandia Foundation New York Metropolitan Chapter invites all chapter members and friends of Finland to come and celebrate Finland's 91st year of independence and to pay tribute to the men and women who made it possible. *The event is open to the public with no admission fee.*

The program includes:

The key note address by the Consul General of Finland, Honorary Ritva Jolkkonen
Greetings from Permanent Mission of Finland to United Nations
Music and recital entertainment

Refreshments following the program.

This celebration event is open to the public free of charge. Therefore, we would like to ask for your financial support to help us cover the costs. With your help Finlandia Foundation will be able to continue this very important tradition for years to come.

Please send your contribution check made out to Finlandia Foundation NY Metropolitan Chapter,
To: Hannele Troise, 401 East 89th Street, Apt. 9N, New York, NY 10128

If the check is received by December 1, 2008 your name will be listed on the program as a sponsor. Please include the following information: your name, full address, telephone number and email address.
(A donation form can be found on the last page)



Finlandia Foundation New York Metropolitan Chapter invites you to our annual

FINNISH CHRISTMAS PARTY - "PIKKUJOULU"

Friday December 12th at 7 pm

Estonian House
243 East 34th Street (between 2nd & 3rd Avenues)
New York City

The evening features :

- *Traditional Finnish Christmas Buffet
- *American and Finnish Christmas Carols with pianist Maurice Reep
- *Raffle with good prizes





Adults: \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door; children 5-12 yrs: \$15; children under 5 free.

Please make your reservation by sending your check payable to Finlandia Foundation NY Metropolitan Chapter, Inc. by December 5th, 2008, to Tuula Feineis, 33 Rose Avenue, Eastchester, NY 10709

The reservation form is on the last page!

For questions please call Tuula Feineis (914) 961-1834. You are welcome to donate items for the raffle.



Other Finnish Events in New York area:

Arto Satukangas

Regarded as one of Finland's finest pianists, Arto Satukangas, will be performing a program including works by Finland's great master composer **Eino Juhani Rautavaara** who celebrates his 80th anniversary this year.

**Thursday December 4th, 2008 at 8 P.M.
Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall
154 West 57th Street, New York City**



Tickets \$30.00 are on sale at Carnegie Hall Box Office, by telephone at Carnegie Charge (212-247-7800) and on-line at www.carnegiehall.org (Students and Senior Citizens \$20 with valid ID at Weill Recital Hall Box Office night of performance only.) More information available from info@artosatukangas.com.

Scandinavia House presents "The Golden Age of Finnish Cinema"

Scandinavia House, 58 Park Avenue (between 37th & 38th St), NYC

Hulda Goes to Helsinki (Juurakon Hulda), directed by Valentin Vaala (1937) Wednesday December 3, 2008 at 6.30 pm & Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 3.00 pm

The White Reindeer (Valkoinen Peura), directed by Erik Blomberg (1952) Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 6.30 pm & Saturday, December 13, 2008 at 3.00 pm

Finnish artist Raili Tang: "Color is a State of Mind"

November 15, 2008 - January 15, 2008

Tuesday - Friday 10.30 am - 6.30 pm

Saturday 12.00 noon - 6.00 pm

Sunday 12.00 noon - 5.00 pm

More North Gallery of Nordic Art and Design, 39 North Moore St.
(between Varick & Hudson), NYC
(212) 334-5541, www.morenorth.com



Special Film Event at Scandinavia House : Northern Transmissions 2

Scandinavia rocks in this program of music videos from across the Nordic region.

Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 7.00 pm

Scandinavia House, 58 Park Avenue (between 37th & 38th St), NYC

(212) 879-9779, www.scandinaviahouse.org

Tommi Hakala performing at "La Bohème" by Giacomo Puccini

December 15, 18, 22, 26 & 29, 2008

January 3, 6 & 10, 2008

Metropolitan Opera, Lincoln Center, NYC

(212) 799-3100, www.metopera.org

There will be a premiere screening of the dance film, "Dark Angel"

on December 29, 2008, time: 6:30 PM.

The work was conceived and choreographed by FF scholarship recipient **Sasha Spielvogel** and stars the **Finnish dancer Hannu Hyttinen** with a cast of other performers. The film was shot in New York at the Angel Orensanz space and at Olavinlinna in Savonlinna, Finland. In addition to the film there will be a live dance performance, **Noor**, co-choreographed by Felicia Norton and Sasha Spielvogel. The Angel Orensanz Foundation is at 172 Norfolk Street, Manhattan, and be reached with the F, J, M, or Z subway to Delancey/Essex or the F, V train to the Second Avenue Station.

For further information regarding admission and performance go to www.labyrinthdancetheater.org or contact: labyrinthdance@gmail.com (mailto:labyrinthdance@gmail.com). The program is a production of the Labyrinth Dance Theater, Sasha Spielvogel, artistic director.



*Finlandia Foundation
New York Metropolitan Chapter
wishes everyone Peaceful and Joyous Christmas,
and Health and Happiness for the New Year 2009!
Seasons' Greetings!*



Special Notice:

Please tell us any address changes to receive our mailings and in order to save paper and money we ask that you provide us with your email address (mailto:members@finlandiafoundationny.org) to receive notices from us faster and more efficiently.

Make sure to add finlandiafoundationny domain to your safe senders list. Your address info is strictly for our use only. Thank you!

Independence Day Celebration : MY CONTRIBUTION FOR \$ _____ enclosed

Please mail your contribution to:
Hannele Troise, 401 East 89th Street, Apt. 9N, New York, NY 10128.

Please send your check before December 1st and your name will be listed on the program as a sponsor.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Christmas Party Reservation Form:

Please send payments **by December 5th, 2008**, to:

Tuula Feineis, 33 Rose Avenue, Eastchester, NY 10709

____ Adult tickets at \$ 30 ea. (\$ 35 at the door)

____ Children (5-12 yrs) tickets at \$ 15 ea. (children under 5 yrs free)

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