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Premier of Ontario - Première ministre de l'Ontario

June 26–28, 2015

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to everyone attending the Finnfestival 2015/Nordic Fair at Mel Lastman Square in Toronto.

Nordic culture is part of the diversity that gives Ontario its unique character and strength. In every field and every walk of life, Nordic Canadians and Canadians of Nordic descent have made their mark — and have helped create the inclusive, prosperous and dynamic society we enjoy today. This festival, with its focus on Finnish culture and the participation of other Nordic countries, is a great example of the inclusive spirit that defines Ontario.

To all participants and visitors: welcome to Toronto, our vibrant and diverse capital city. Thank you for sharing your unique talents and helping to celebrate this rich culture.

I also wish to commend all of the organizers and volunteers for making this festival possible. In doing so, you are ensuring that the younger generation of Nordic Canadians remains connected to its rich traditions and heritage — and that all Ontarians have the opportunity to cultivate a deeper appreciation of Nordic culture and its distinctiveness.

Please accept my sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable festival.

Kathleen Wynne
Premier



Ambassador of Finland
Ottawa

Ottawa, March 19, 2015

It is my great pleasure to extend my heartfelt greetings to the organizers and all the participants in the 2015 Finnish Canadian Grand Festival, this year taking place in Toronto, home to a huge number of Canadians of Finnish origin.

Festivities are indeed in order, for the Finnish-Canadian heritage and all things Finnish are celebrated for the 75th time in Canada — a venerable age for any event. In a truly Finnish fashion, the Grand Festival demonstrates not only the "sisu" of the Finnish-Canadian community, but also its admirable Team spirit, which we Finns refer to as "talkoohenki". Canadian Finns are a force to be recognized with not only in your local communities, but nationwide in Canada in its political, cultural and economic life.

I am also happy to see the inclusion of a Nordic element this year, with Nordic Fair taking place in conjunction with the Finnish Canadian Grand Festival. The Northern European countries of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden share many common values and similar cultural features, and it is great to see us all come together in Toronto to celebrate our roots.

My wife Ritva and I look forward to participating in our first Grand Festival and to meeting many Finnish-Canadians and friends of Finland there.

Nähdään Torontossa!

Charles Murto
Ambassador of Finland



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Greetings to the 75th Finnish Canadian Grand Festival

On behalf of Suomi-Seura (Finland Society) Board and office, it gives me a great pleasure to bring greetings from Finland.

Suomi-Seura in Finland has been supporting expatriate Finns and their descendants for nearly 90 years. We have done this with pride as we are the only society in Finland that looks after the interests of all Finns living outside of Finland. Now, by taking part in the Finnish Expatriate Parliament (FEP) all the expatriate clubs and societies around the world can have an impact on the decisions the Finnish government and authorities make. Finland Society acts as the secretariat of FEP. Together we work to better the laws and practices that expatriates consider to be wrong.

Finnish Canadian Grand Festival and Nordic Festival gather together Finns around from Canada, the US and Finland. We congratulate the organizers, past and present, and thank them for the work they have done for their fellow Finns around Canada. A festival can only be a festival with an audience. Therefore, let's make this a great festival and enjoy the celebrations!

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of the great Finnish composer Jean Sibelius. Much has been done on this continent to enhance the awareness of his music and Finland. Even a greater year is approaching; Finland will celebrate its 100 years of independence in 2017. A lot has already been done, planning is going on, but much more needs to be done in Finland and abroad. The year provides excellent opportunity to showcase Finnish culture, education, technology, cuisine, history, heritage and sports. We ask all Finnish clubs and societies to make an input to this celebration year – no matter how small. Work together with other Finnish clubs to make Finland seen and heard during that year.

Finland is such a small country that everybody's efforts are needed
Together we can do great things here, in Finland, and around the globe!

Paula Selenius
Executive Director
Finland Society



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My Good Friends, We meet again!

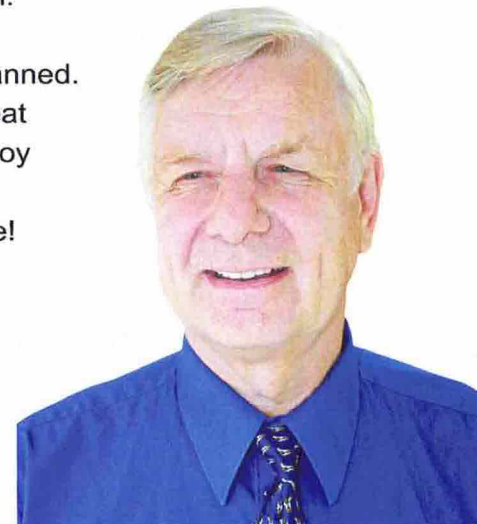
Welcome to the 75th Finnish Canadian Grand Festival, Finn Festival 2015. We are coming together once again to unite Finns from around the world.

Our Sisu has been relentless and is now gaining momentum. Finn Festival 2015 would not have been possible without the effort and commitment of many dedicated people, committees, volunteers, participants and performers. I wish to extend my utmost gratitude to all of them, who have provided incredible support and great team work.

I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to contribute to the great success of Finn Festival 2015. It has enlightened me and made my spirit soar. I have had the time of my life.

We are not finished though.
Another Finnish Canadian Grand Festival is being planned.
Let's continue with this great tradition. Have fun and enjoy Finn Festival 2015 –
Make it the time of your life!

Hans Myrskog
CHAIR
FINNISH CANADIAN
GRAND FESTIVAL

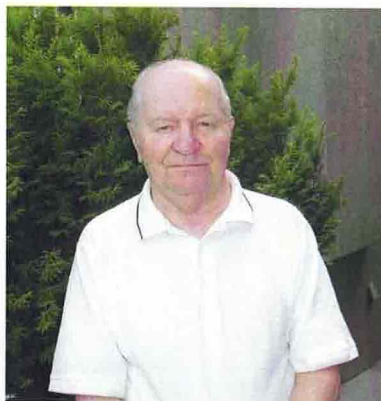




Dear Friends,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to FinnFestival 2015 here in North York. This is the 75th anniversary of the Finnish Canadian Festivals in Canada after the first one held in Sudbury in 1940. In keeping with the spirit of the earlier festivals, we are here to celebrate our heritage and culture, enjoy meeting our old friends and making new ones, have fun and enjoy the wonderful three day program with a wide variety of excellent musical and theatrical entertainment, lectures, dances and sport activities.

On behalf of the Finnish Canadian Cultural Federation I want thank and congratulate the festival organizers for the outstanding program. Special thanks to all the entertainers who have come here, especially those from Finland. Most of all, I want to thank all of you who are here because you are the lifeblood for keeping these festivals alive.



Veikko Niemelä

Chair

**Finnish Canadian
Cultural Federation**

FINN FESTIVAL 2015 & NORDIC FAIR

OPENING CEREMONY

MC - Henry Huhtanen

June 26, 2015 at 12:00 noon

Mel Lastman Square
5100 Yonge Street, Toronto

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Introduction

Formal Remarks

- The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell,
Lieutenant Governor of Ontario
- His Excellency Charles Murto,
Ambassador of Finland

Welcome

- Hans Myrskog,
Chair of the Festival

Greetings

- Paula Selenius,
Executive Director of Finland Society

Official Opening of the Finn Festival
and Nordic Fair Ribbon Cutting:

- The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell
- His Excellency Charles Murto

Entertainment

Market/Tori Vendors

Mel Lastman Square

5100 Yonge St, Toronto

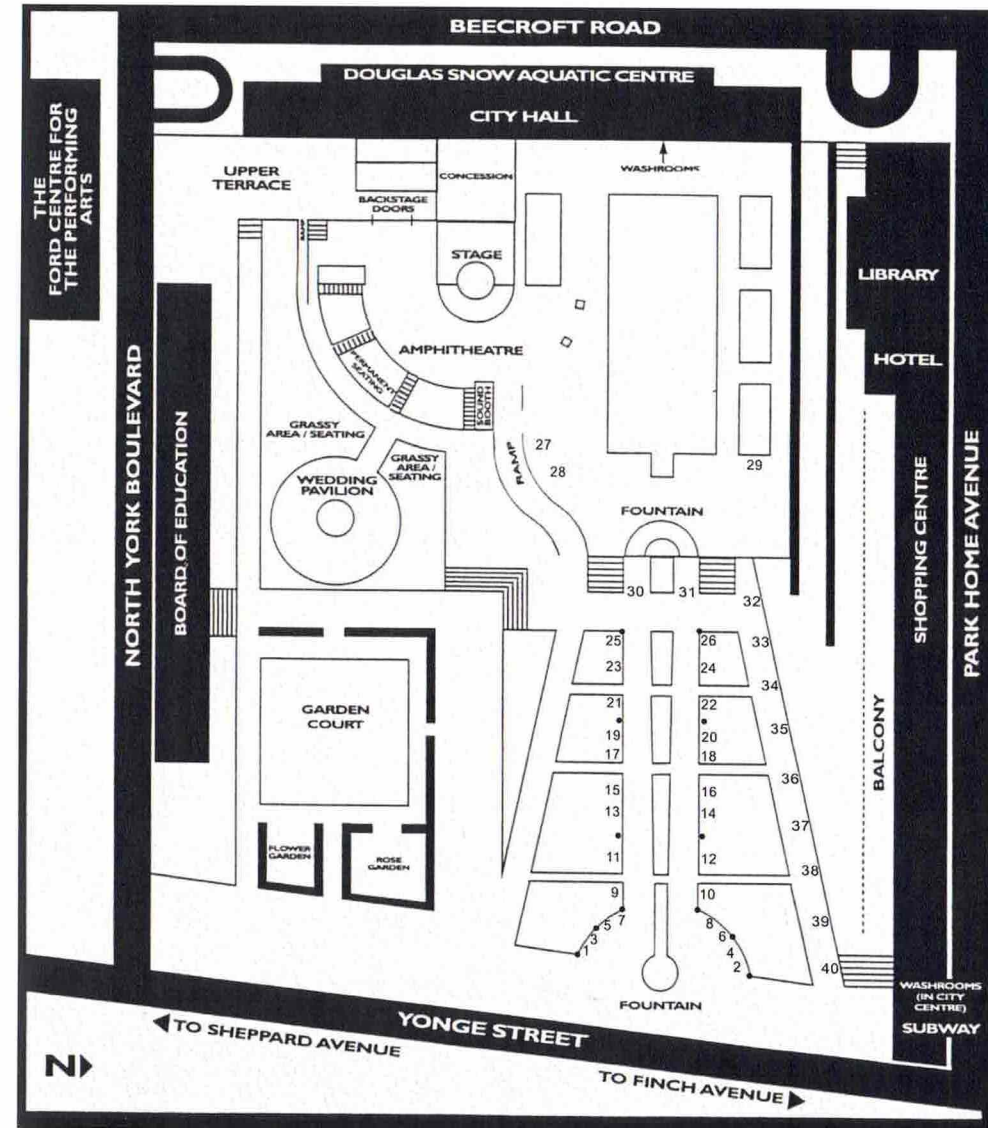
Fri. June 26. from 11 a.m to 6 p.m.

Sat. and Sun. June 27.-28. from 9 a.m. 6 p.m.

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Nordic Fair / Finn Festival 2015

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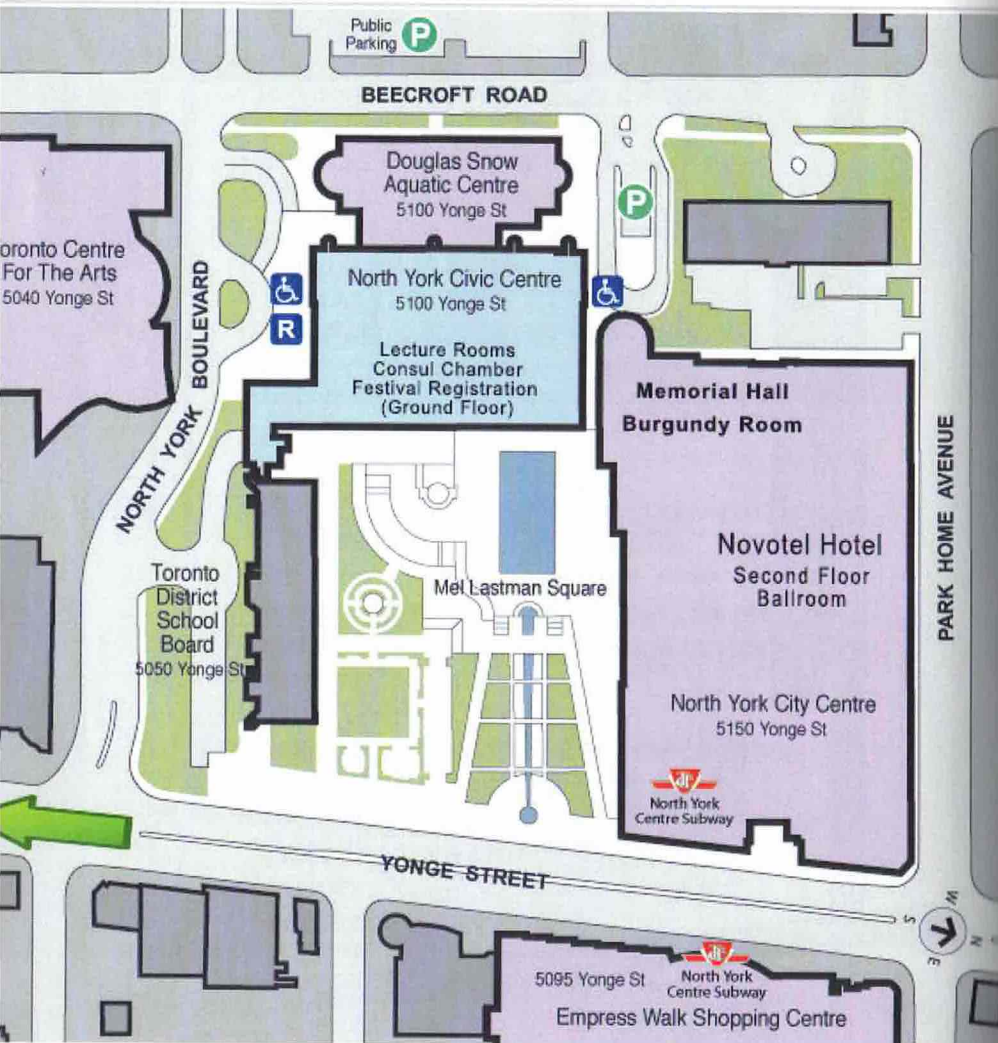
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NORDIC FAIR

Mel Lastman Square Stage Program

Square MC – Kim Myrskog

FRIDAY

JULY 26

- 11:15 a.m. Pre-opening music – “Toronton Pelimannit”
- 12:00 p.m. OPENING CEREMONIES
- 1:00 p.m. Jan Mikael Pennanen – Singer
- 2:00 p.m. Combined Folkdances
- 2:45 p.m. Svenska Spelman – Donald Sandy Band
- 3:30 p.m. Lisa Lehto – Dance
- 4:00 p.m. Dance on the Square – “Vesipumppu” Band
- 5:30 p.m. Matti Palonen – Singer/Kantele
- 6:00 p.m. Sweet Panic – Steel Drum band from Finland
- 7:20 p.m. Rivals
- 8:10 p.m. J Puddy
- 9:00 p.m. The Roaming Coyotes

EVENT SCHEDULE

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Mel Lastman Square Stage Program
Square MC – Kim Myrskog

SATURDAY
JULY 27

- 11:00 a.m. Finnish Language School – Choir
- 11:30 p.m. Lili Ahopelto – Accordion
- 12:00 p.m. Combined Folkdances
- 12:45 p.m. Sweet Panic – Steel Drum band from Finland
- 1:30 p.m. Kiikurit Folkdancers
- 2:00 p.m. NYGÅRD FASHION SHOW
- 2:00 p.m. Steel Drums Workshop - *Garden Court*
- 3:00 p.m. Tiina Kinnunen – Dance – “Satumaa”
- 3:15 p.m. Jan Mikael Pennanen – Singer
- 4:00 p.m. Danish Performance
- 4:00 p.m. Wife Carrying Contest – *Garden Court*
- 4:30 p.m. Dean Young – Comedian
- 5:00 p.m. Swedish Choir Concert – *Civic Centre Council Chamber*
- 5:15 p.m. Sweet Panic – Steel Drum band from Finland
- 6:00 p.m. Square Closes

EVENT SCHEDULE

NORDIC FAIR

Mel Lastman Square Stage Program
Square MC – Kim Myrskog

SUNDAY
JULY 28

- 10:00 a.m. Church Service – Civic Centre Council Chamber
- 11:00 a.m. Jan Mikael Pennanen – Singer
- 11:45 a.m. Lisa Lehto – Dance
- 12:00 p.m. Svenska Spelman – Donald Sandy Band
- 1:00 p.m. Kiikurit Folkdancers
- 1:30 p.m. Estonian Jaaniku Singers
- 2:00 p.m. The DCAT Chorus
- 2:30 p.m. Danish Program
- 3:00 p.m. “Keepers of the Loom” Estonian Documentary Film
– Civic Centre, Meeting Room #2
- 3:00 p.m. Mr. Finch (Rauno Petäjä) – Musician
- 4:00 p.m. The Lines
- 6:00 p.m. Nordic Fair Closes

EVENT SCHEDULE

LECTURE PROGRAM –LUENNOT

All lectures will be in the Civic Centre, Meeting Room/kokoushuone # 3

Friday, June 26 – perjantai, 26. kesäkuuta

13:00 - 14:00 Veli Niinimaa — "Expatriate Parliament"

15:00 - 16:00 Roy Blomström — "The Finnish Civil War of 1918
– From Mystery to Novel"

Saturday, June 27. – lauantai, 27. kesäkuuta

09:00 - 10:00 Raimo Salo — "Wonderful Life Of Hanssin Jukka
DC2 Era Plane"

10:00 - 11:00 Kelly Saxberg — "Saving the Finnish Labour Temple
One Pancake at a Time"

11:00 - 12:00 Anu Muhonen — "Letters from Somewhere Out There"

12:00 - 13:00 Liisa Nygård Johnson — "The Child of Lamposaari:
Inspiring Memoir of a Finnish Immigrant Mother, Hilikka Nygård"

14:00 - 15:00 Petteri Morkkonen — "Finnish Civil War 1918"

Sunday, June 28. – sunnuntai, 28. kesäkuuta

09:00 - 10:00 Lauri Väätänen — "Suomen asekatkenta"
(in Finnish/suomeksi)

11:00 - 12:00 Veli Niinimaa — "Genealogy and its Rewards"

12:00 - 13:00 Veli Niinimaa — "Publishing a Family History"

13:00 - 14:00 Timo Virtanen — "Everybody is Important"

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VELI NIINIMAA



"Expatriate Parliament"

The presentation reviews the formation of the Finnish Expatriate Parliament (USP/FEP) in 1996 as an organization affiliated closely with Suomi-Seura r.y. That is followed by its present structure and operations in Finland. Next, its purpose is stated, accomplishments are listed and future objectives are discussed. Typical lobbying efforts with the Government of Finland and with some public agencies are shown. And lastly the Canadian USP / FEP operations

and representatives are presented. The brief history of the Finnish Expatriate Parliament will be reviewed along with its objectives and accomplishments and its work both in Finland and with the expatriates.

"Genealogy and It's Rewards"

The participants will first learn how to find who they are by discovering their deep ancestry and migration routes. That is followed by an overview of research methods for more recent ancestry throughout recorded history. The tools available for searching both ancestors and present relatives are discussed. Uses of accessible genealogical websites and a few computer applications are presented. The information available in church records, court records and the different types of archives is detailed. Various presentation formats of ancestry and present relatives are shown. And lastly, the difficulties and solutions faced by North American genealogists researching their Finnish ancestors are reviewed. With hard work and good luck it is possible to find a couple of thousand ancestors and over half a million relatives. Among them you will share many success stories and even more tragedies. In this presentation you will learn how to find out who you are and the successes and tragedies of those who share your genes.

"Publishing a Family History"

The presentation starts with an encouraging examination of the reasons to publish a family history and/or an autobiography. Two dozen personal, family and general sample chapters and a dozen sample appendixes are discussed to stimulate the participants with ideas on what they can include in their family history. The sources of genealogical information for stories of ancestors are discovered, including related newspaper articles. Items are suggested which can be used to enhance through scanning or digital photography. The book

LECTURERS

writing process is reviewed briefly. Temporary and long lasting publishing options are discussed, ranging from simple to sophisticated publication methods. Marketing a family history and identity protection will be examined briefly. Handouts will be provided. The basics of publishing a family history at different levels of sophistication will be examined to encourage the making of these priceless gifts for future generations.

Dr. Veli Niinimaa, PH.D., Calgary, AB, Canada

Veli was born in Finland but completed his secondary and post-secondary education in Toronto. Dr. Niinimaa's interest in Finnish culture started by playing pesäpallo with the Sisu Athletic Club. Later he chaired two Finnish-Canadian Grand Festivals and served as the President of the Calgary Finnish Cultural Association. He also served two terms of the Finnish-Canadian Cultural Federation Board. IN 2008 he was elected the Alternate Deputy Speaker and in 2012 and 2015 the Chairman of the Canadian Region, Finnish Expatriate Parliament. Veli Niinimaa has published 17 books, some on North American Finns and Family Histories. He has written nearly 100 articles for journals and newspapers.

ROY BLOMSTROM**“The Finnish Civil War of 1918 – From Mystery to Novel”**

Roy Blomström is a retired English teacher from Thunder Bay, Ontario. Two of his novels have been awarded Ontario Arts Council Writers' Works in Progress grants.

His memoir, “Pearl Street Hill,” was shortlisted for the CBC's Literary Awards in 2005. Roy's prize-winning short stories, poetry, and memoirs have been published by the Northwestern Ontario Writers Workshop. Three of

Roy's 10-minute plays have been performed at the 10by10 Showcase in Thunder Bay.

Roy's parents were Finland-Swedes from Ostrobothnia. His father, born in 1899, likely fought in the Finnish Civil War.

It should come as no surprise that to most people whose parents or grandparents emigrated from Finland, the Finnish Civil War comes as either a complete surprise or as a mystery wrapped in an enigma. This lecture is about the war; how and why it occurred, its legacy, and why it was, for the most part, forgotten. It is also about “Silences,” a novel of the war set in 1918 in Finland, and in 1955 in Port Arthur, Ontario.

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ANU MUHONEN**“Letters from Somewhere Out There - Kirjeitä täältä jostakin”**

Anu Muhonen will discuss the themes and messages in family letters from two historical Finnish naval ships Suomen Joutsen and Ilmarinen during times of war and peace.

Muhonen received her MA from the University of Jyväskylä and a double PhD, from University of Jyväskylä and Stockholm University. During 2002-2014 she worked as lecturer and researcher at the Department of Finnish at Stockholm University in Sweden. Since 2014 she is professor and Director of Finnish Studies at University of Toronto. In her research, Muhonen has investigated multilingualism and identity among European youth, children and families. She is also currently exploring historical war letters.

KELLY SAXBERG**“Saving the Finnish Labour Temple One Pancake at a Time”**

Kelly Saxberg is a film producer, director and editor who has worked on over 80 films. Kelly was the writer/ director/ editor of Under The Red Star, a feature length historical docu-drama shot on super 16 mm film in Finnish and English about the Finnish Labour Temple.

She co-directed /edited “Who was Sylvia” a short documentary about letters found at an abandoned Finnish homestead. “Letters from Karelia,” is Kelly's first feature length documentary about Canadians who moved to the Soviet Union in the 1930's. It was also nominated for a Gemini for best history documentary in 2006. It won two Blizzards - Best Documentary and Kelly won Best Directing at the 2006 Manitoba Motion Picture Industry Awards.

Kelly has conducted numerous workshops on funding for film, camera technique, editing, and the use of programs like Avid and Final Cut Pro. She has been instrumental in the organization of independent film screenings in Thunder Bay. She is a co-ordinator and founder of the Bay Street Film Festival which has just completed its 9th year. She also volunteers as a consultant and crew member for emerging filmmakers in Thunder Bay.

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RAIMO SALO



"Wonderful Life Of Hanssin Jukka DC2 Era Plane"

Raimo Salo, Producer/musician only son of a war veteran father, grew up on a small farm in Central Finland with 5 sisters. He showed interest in singing as a child and acquired his first guitar as a teenager. Salo started his musical career in the early 1970's as a guitarist in the Swedish band "Trollboys," and from 1973 to 1975 he performed in Finland with the Finlandia Orchestra. He then turned his concentration to officer duties in the Defense Forces. After retiring from the Air Force in 2006 as First Lieutenant, Salo returned to singing as a hobby. He has since performed with the Air Force Big Band as a soloist, and is known as the "Tenor Lieutenant." Salo currently specializes in interpreting wartime rarities such as Toivo Kärki's compositions from the front line during the war. In addition he has produced several TV documentaries with the Finnish Broadcasting Company. Raimo Salo is awarded with several medals of honour of his work for war veterans and lottas.

Hanssin-Jukka lecture tells a story of airliner in 3 wars and as a Plane-Cafeteria in Hämeenlinna during 1959-1982.

PETTERI MOKKONEN



"Finnish Civil War 1918"

The Finnish Revolution 1918: Why the Finnish Social Democratic Party was never able to attract majority of the labor force, not in the election and not even in civil war?

LECTURERS

TIMO VIRTANEN/TIM POWER



"Everybody is Important"

Timo Virtanen, aka. "The Lion of Finland" started "Everybody is important", a physical education project, which supports and gives school and sport aid for the children and youth who need help in difficult crises areas (Bosnia-Hertzeogovina Years 1998 & 1999 and Afghanistan since year 2005 -). The project started in Helsinki in 1995 and this year is celebrating twenty years.

"Everybody is important" World Tour 2015 started in Toronto, Canada, March 17th - 24th. The book, "The Spirit of Fair Play", was published to celebrate this event. Timo also visited a warm and friendly place, Suomi-Koti, in Toronto.

I'm very happy to show all my friends in Canada our "Everybody is important" project and read my own poems from my two poetry books : "Sodanajan Tyttö - Laatokan Helmi" & "Isäni maa - Isäni maa" - Timo Virtanen.

LAURI VÄÄTTÄNEN



"Suomen asekätkentä"

Pelastiko asekätkentä Suomen?

Yleisesikuntaupseeri Lauri Väätänen teos Lauri Miettinen ja asekätkentä Vakka-Suomessa julkaistiin Suomessa vuonna 2014. Kirja syntyi 2 1/2 vuoden tutkimus- ja kirjoitustyön tuloksena. Teoksessa esitellään Tuusniemellä 1907 syntynyt Lauri Miettinen, kirjoittajan kummisetä, sekä hänen johtamansa asekätkentä Vakka-Suomessa.

70 vuotta sitten Suomi oli kovin erilaisten haasteiden edessä kuin tänä päivänä. Vaikka kirja nimensä mukaisesti kattaa asekätkennän Vakka-Suomen alueella, koskettaa aihe Suomea kokonaisuudessaan. Jokaiseen suojelupiiriin varastoitiin varustus noin pataljoonansuuruiselle joukolle.

Kirjoittaja Lauri Väätänen on syntynyt Uudessakaupungissa 7.9.1943. Hän on suorittanut upseerin virkatutkinnon 1967 ja yleisesikuntaupseerin tutkinnon 1977. Hän on palvellut Uudenmaan Jääkäripataljoonassa ja toiminut opettajana Kadetti- sekä Taistelukoulussa. Väätänen on palvellut rauhanturvaajana Etelä-Libanonissa sekä entisessä Jugoslaviassa. Hän on myös palvellut Viron Suojeluskuntien päällikön neuvonantajana 1993-1994 sekä Viron Maanpuolustuskorkeakoulun johtajan neuvonantajana 1999-2004.

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PROGRAMS - OHJELMAT

ARTS & CRAFTS - TAIDE- JA KÄSITYÖNÄYTTELY

Participating artists include Liisa Bennett, Kaarina Brooks, Darren Godfrey, Ulla Nystrom, Riitta Park, Keijo Tapanainen, Kristina Tikkanen, fine art of Finnish Canadian children and more.

Käsityönäyttelyssä esitellään perinteisiä kättentöitä, kuten neulomista, virkkausta, nypläystä (Eeva Heikurinen) ja tuohitöitä (Viljo Perttula) sekä Suomen kansallispukuja. Puvuista esitelmöi niitä vuosikymmeniä harrastuksenaan tutkinut Terttu Niinimaa.

Friday, June 26th

14:00 - Arts & Crafts Exhibit – Taide- ja käsityönäyttely
Civic Centre – Lower Level Meeting Room #1
Alakerta, Kokoushuone # 1

Saturday, June 27th

09:00 - Arts & Crafts Exhibit – Taide- ja käsityönäyttely
Civic Centre – Lower Level Meeting Room #1
Alakerta, Kokoushuone # 1

Sunday, June 28th

09:00 Arts & Crafts Exhibit – Taide- ja käsityönäyttely
Civic Centre – Lower Level Meeting Room #1
Alakerta, Kokoushuone # 1

MEETINGS - KOKOUKSET

Saturday, June 27th

09:00 Finnish Canadian Cultural Federation –
Annual General Meeting
Kanadan Suomalainen Kulttuuriliitto – Vuosikokous
Novotel Hotel – Duncan Room
11:00 Expatriate Parliament Meeting
Ulko-suomalaisparlamentin kokous
Novotel Hotel – Sheppard Room
13:30 Amerikan Laulajat – Annual General Meeting – Vuosi-
kokous, Civic Centre – Meeting Room/Kokoushuone #2

PROGRAMS - OHJELMAT

WORKSHOPS - KURSSIT

Saturday, June 27th

- 10:00 - "Kantele" Workshop - "Kantele" Kurssi
 12:00 Beginner - Civic Centre Meeting Room/Kokoushuone #2
 - Hilikka Luus
 Advanced - Civic Centre Meeting Room/Kokoushuone #1
 - Matti Palonen
 14:00 Steel Drums Workshop - Sweet Panic
 Mel Lastman Square - Garden Court -Puutarha-aukio

FILMS

Friday, June 26th

- 14:00 "Lotta Document" - Viimeinen Testamentti - Raimo Salo
 Civic Centre - Meeting Room/ Kokoushuone #2

Sunday, June 28th

- 13:00 "Documentary" by Mauri Jalava - "The First Grand
 Festival in Sudbury, 1940"
 Civic Centre - Meeting Room/ Kokoushuone #2
 15:00 "Keepers of the Loom", Documentary Film by Mae
 Productions Inc.
 Civic Centre - Meeting Room/ Kokoushuone #2

NYGÅRD FASHION SHOW - NYGÅRD MUOTINÄYTÖS

Saturday, June 27th

- 14:00 Mel Lastman Square Stage - Ulkolava

WIFE CARRYING CONTEST - AKANKANTO KILPAILU

Saturday, June 27th

- 16:00 Mel Lastman Square - Garden Court - Puutarha-aukio

PERFORMERS

RAIMO SALO



Toivo Kärjen syntymästä tulee 3.12.2015 kuluneeksi tasan 100 vuotta ja Salo on tehnyt jo 10 vuotta yhteistyötä Topin nuorimman pojan Kalervo Kärjen kanssa.

"Kärjen arkistoista tuntuu aina vaan löytyvän harvinaisuuksia eikä ihme, koska Toivo Kärjen ammattiura kesti 59 vuotta, ja sävellyksiä levytettiin hänen elinaikanaan noin 1400. Lisäksi häneltä jäi suuri määrä julkaisemattomia valmiita kappaleita, sillä hän osallistui mm. kaikkiin mahdollisiin sävellyskilpailuihin. Aineistosta on hyvä ammentaa, ja juhlalevyille nimeltä Muistojen maa tulee kaksikokonen ennen julkaisematonta iskelmä; Tango Unohtumaton ilta vuodelta 1944, sanat Olavi Karu ja savottaralli Kymppin suma vuodelta 1951, sanat Reino Helismaa.

Lisäksi levyille tulee ensi kertaa täydelliset versiot kappaleista Muistojen maa ja Imatran Inkeri, joten koko levy

koostuu kantaesityksistä."

Salo tekee 2015 aikana lehtimäkeläisen harmonikkataiteilija Heikki Jokiahon kanssa Muistojen maa -konsertteja Kärjen juhlavuoden kunniaksi. Kesällä 2015 he esiintyvät Toronton suurjuhlilla. Hänellä on mukana myös lottadokumentti Viimeinen testamentti, jota esitetään Kärki-konserttien yhteydessä.

Lottadokumentti Viimeinen testamentti

1939-1944 sotiemme aikana 240 000 lottaa teki vapaaehtoista maanpuolustustyötä kotirintamalla ja sotatoimialueilla.

Lotta Svärd järjestö lakkautettiin marraskuussa 1944 ja siitä alkaen nämä naiset ovat vaienneet niiden aikojen tapahtumista.

Muusikko/tuottaja Raimo Salo on toteuttanut Lotta Svärd Säätiön ja Lottamuseon kanssa maamme historian laajimman lottaperinteen keräämisprojektin ja haastatellut 92 lottaa kautta maan.

Kerätystä aineistosta on leikattu tunnin mittainen Viimeinen testamentti-dokumenttielokuva (dvd), joka valmistui myyntiin Lottamuseolle kesäkuussa 2013.



PERFORMERS

KIIKURIT



The Finnish folk dance group from Thunder Bay, Kiikurit, have been promoting Finnish culture through dance for over 40 years. They participate in local festivals and activities and thrill audiences with a very unique style of dance. Throughout the years the group has been to Finland three times, performed across Canada, the United States and even on a trip to Australia. They are currently under the direction of Harri Kurtti.

TORONTO SISU FOLK DANCERS



Toronto SISU Folkdancers is a division of one of the oldest clubs in our city. Toronto SISU Athletic Club - "Toronto SISU" as we call it - has a heritage of active community involvement for over sixty five years.

SISU in Finnish stands for perseverance - not giving in - and this best describes what "Toronto SISU" stands for in our every day life.

SISU Folkdancers share into this proud history by actively passing on our Finnish heritage and cultural values, not only in our own community, but also in the colourful cultural mosaic of Canada. The passion and enjoyment of this tradition is apparent at every performance.

Sisu Folkdancers from Toronto will be entertaining together with the Swedish and the Danish folkdancers.

Finnish Social Club



Finnish Social Club (Toronto)

Sydämelliset tervetuloitovotuksemme jokaiselle läheltä ja kaukaa saapuneelle osallistujalle juhlimaan kanssamme **Finnfestival 2015 Torontossa.** Uskomme monipuolisen ja rikkaan traditionaalisen kulttuuritapahtuman antavan "eväitä" myös kotiin vietäväksi.



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PERFORMERS

TORONTON PELIMANNIT



Toronton Pelimannit (Toronto Folk Music Players) was formed in 2007 around a core of three musicians that often accompanies the Toronto Finnish Male Choir. The aim of the group is to perform and promote the traditional "Pelimanni" music of Finland. Toronton Pelimannit now comprise six friends who enjoy playing together and will share their love of folk music with anyone at the drop of a hat.

Members are (L to R) Pertti Vesanen, guitar; Sini Erme, violin and mandolin; Lois Robinson, violin and percussion; Matti Palonen, bass; Anita Nutikka, piano and diatonic accordions; and Paul Hietala, piano accordion.

Toronton Pelimannit kansanmusiikkiyhtyeestä voit nauttia juhlilla:

Pe 26.6. klo 11:15 am Mel Lastman Square, ulkolava

La 27.6. klo 11:45 Amerikan Laulajien konsertissa, Civic Centre, Council Chambers

Sun 28.6. klo 12 Vox Finlandiae/Toronton Pelimannit konsertti, Civic Centre, Council Chambers ja klo 15 Juhlakonsertissa, Cardinal Carter Academy Auditorium, 36 Greenfield Ave.

VOX FINLANDIAE



A Finnish Chamber choir from Toronto, Vox Finlandiae, was founded in January 1993 to sing the music of the rich Finnish choral tradition. Known informally as "Vox", the choir brings together both Finnish and non-Finnish audiences, mainly in Toronto and around Ontario, but, occasionally, farther a field.

Sunday June 28

12 noon Vox Finlandiae / Toronton Pelimannit Concert, Civic Centre, Council Chambers

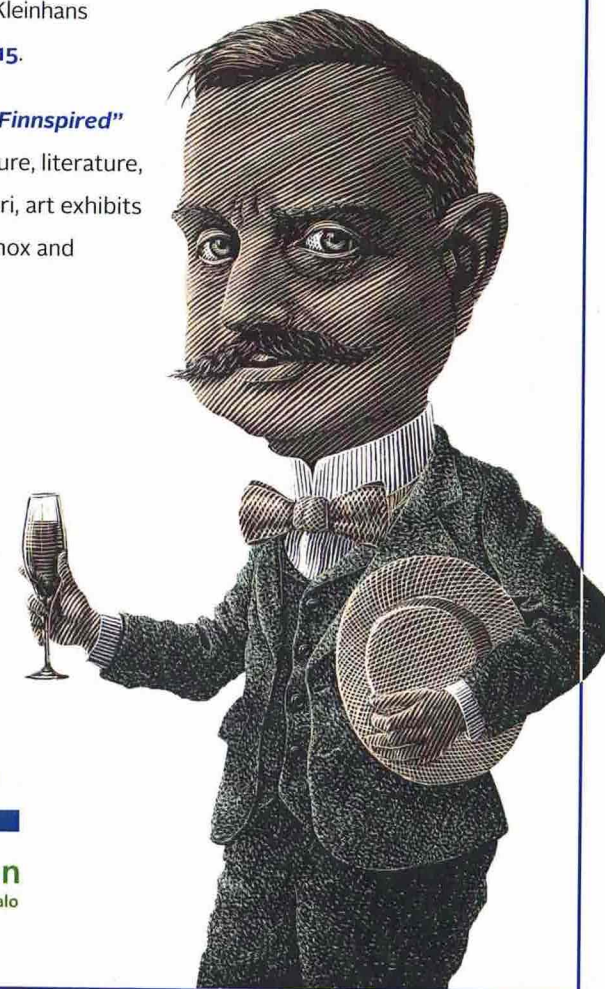
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PERFORMERS

AMERIKAN LAULAJAT

Finnish Male Singers of North America



Poet Longfellow wrote, "Music is the universal language of mankind". It is a powerful force that can instantly communicate cohesion and unity between peoples. And so, in the early years of the twentieth century, Finland sought to build a bridge to the Americas by exporting some of its finest musical talents. Choir song has long defined Finnish culture and numerous choral groups toured Canada and the United States during this period. In response to these visits, the idea of a 'good will' trip to Finland by a North American male chorus was born. A committee formed, in 1954, from the ranks of the New Yorkin Laulumiehet (Finnish Male Chorus of New York) chose the name **AMERIKAN LAULAJAT** (AL) and began seeking singers and monies for this endeavor. Two years later 36 men, representing 19 cities throughout the U. S. and Canada, departed New York harbor aboard the MS Stockholm on what would become the first of nine AL tours of Finland.

Under the inspired direction of Jussi Himanka and Ralph Harju the 1956 tour was a resounding success. Seventeen concerts were staged in as many cities with capacity crowds attending every performance. Each of these hosting cities showered the singers with gala receptions. All of this has become the hallmark of subsequent tours.

Male choral enthusiasm billowed throughout North America and in 1962 a combined festival (Mieskuoropäivät) was held in Toronto. At this gathering, the attending singers voted to establish **Amerikan Laulajat** (Finnish Male Singers of North America) as the formal umbrella organization of the continent's Finnish male singers. Seven choirs participated in this event and throughout the years three more have joined the group (Sibelius Male Chorus of Chicago, Finlandia male Chorus of Detroit, Finnish Male Chorus of New York, Otava Male Chorus of Thunder Bay, Kaleva Male Chorus of Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury Finnish Male Choir, Finnish Male Chorus of Toronto, Finnish Male Chorus of Los Angeles, Finnish Male Chorus of Vancouver, and Male Singers of Florida).

The ninth Finland tour took place in 2002 and the thirty-third combined festival will occur in Toronto during **FINNFESTIVAL 2015**.

Amerikan Laulajat Finnish Male Singers of North America

KONSERTTI/CONCERT

Lauantaina, 27.6.2015 klo 11:45
North York Civic Centre Council Chamber
5100 Yonge Street, Toronto

DIR: Paul Hietala, Martti Hyhkö, Erik Riekko, Pieter Sigmundt

National Anthems..... O Canada; The Star Spangled Banner
Lauluveikot..... "Alma Mater", suom. Yrjö Sjöblom
Me tulemme taas..... Toivo Kärki, san. Reino Helismaa
Synnyinseudun muistoja Pentti Junni, sov. Jussi Kivimäki
..... solisti Eric Nuppola
Kiitetty olkohon P.J. Hannikainen
Suvi on meillä Mikael Svanberg, sov. B. Nilsson
Ylioppilaslaulu..... Joseph Stuntz, suom. AH Weismann
Ankkurit ylös..... J. A. Zimmerman, sov. P. Mirola
Kulkurin valssi..... Alf Tanner, sov. Pertti Puhakka
Kultainen nuoruus K. Linna
Nousee päivä/Sunrise, Sunset Jerry Bock, sov. Sakari Hilden
..... san. Sheldon Harwick, suom. Esko Elstelä
Tämä taivas, tämä maa Jukka Kuoppamäki, sov. M. Ratasepp
..... solisti Eric Nuppola
Finlandia Jean Sibelius, san. V. A. Koskenniemi

SÄESTYS/ACCOMPANIMENT:

Paul Hietala - haitari

Toronton Pelimannit: Anita Nutikka, Paul Hietala - haitari
Sini Erme, Lois Robinson - viulu
Pertti Vesänen - kitara
Matti Palonen - basso

PERFORMERS

VESIPUMPPU

Tanssiorkesteri Vesipumppu on keskipohjalainen viisimiehininen yhtye, jonka sukujuuret juontavat Kokkolasta suomalaisen kansanmusiikin kehtoon Kaustiselle. Orkesteri on toiminut yli 20 vuoden ajan esiintyen erityisesti häätjuhliissa ja muissa yksityistilaisuuksissa. Olemme saattelleet avioliittoon yli 100 keski- ja eteläpohjalaisista nuorta paria.

Ohjelmistomme kattaa laajasti suomalaista tanssimusiikkia, popmusiikkia ja tarvittaessa jopa rockia. Illan aikana soitettava materiaali sovitetaan aina kuhunkin tilanteeseen ja tunnelmaan sopivaksi.

Dance band Vesipumppu is a five-man band coming from Kokkola, Central Ostrobothnia, Finland. The roots of most band members lead to Kaustinen, the centre of Finnish folk music. The band has been active for over 20 years performing in weddings and other parties. We have been lucky to witness more than a hundred wedding couples celebrating the most remarkable day of their lives.

SO MANY SISTERS

Kimallusta ja kaunista laulua: sitä on So Many Sisters!

So Many Sisters on keväällä 2003 perustettu kokkolalainen lauluyhtye. Ohjelmistomme koostuu pääasiassa viihteellisestä ja haastavasta kevyestä musiikista. Tavotteenamme on tuottaa kuulijoillemme ihania musiikillisia elämyksiä! Taiteellisenä johtajanamme toimii kuoronjohtoa sekä klassista- ja rytmimusiikkia opiskellut laulunopettaja Heli Uusimäki.



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Renowned, versatile group of singers from Kokkola, Finland.

So Many Sisters La 27.6. Klo 15:15 Civic Centre



Sulle Salaisuuden Kertoa Mä Voisin

säv. Georg de Godzinsky, san. Eine Laine, sov. Pertti Puhakka

Suklaasydän

säv. Geoffrey & Harry Clarkson ja Dorothy Siegmann, suom. san. Saukki, sov. Heli Uusimäki

On Hetki

säv. ja san. Rauno Lehtinen, sov. Pertti Puhakka

Kissa Vieköön

säv. Harry Warren, suom. san. Kauko Käyhkö, sov. Pertti Puhakka

Laiskotellen

säv. Lasse Mårtenson, san. Sauvo Puhtila, sov. Jussi Tamminen

Kodin Kynttilät

säv. Joe Lyons, Sam C. Hart & The Vagabonds, suom. san. U. Hurmerinta, sov. Heli Uusimäki

Nocturne

säv. Taisto Wesslin, san. Eino Leino, esittää Heli Uusimäki

Vem Kan Segla

säv. ja san. Trad, sov. Olle Widstrand

Kotkan Ruusu

säv. Helvi Mäkinen, san. Leo Anttila, sov. Merzi Rajala

Vihreät Niityt

säv. ja san. Terry Gilkyson, Frank Miller & Richard Dehr, sov. A. Nissilä, suom. san. Orvokki Itä

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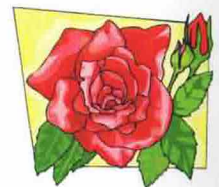
säv. ja san. Sari Kaasinen

Mä Haluan Naimisiin

säv. ja san. Maija Vilkkumaa, sov. Heli Uusimäki

Maailma On Kaunis

säv. Kaisu Halonen, san. Vexi Salmi, sov. Heli Uusimäki



PERFORMERS

MATTI PALONEN



Matti Palonen is a Toronto musician and Lutherie, specializing in the traditional Finnish Kantele. Drawing on his background in Lutherie and Environmental Science, Matti constructs instruments with a rich tone quality from locally sourced birch and maple.

Matti plays the upright bass, 15-string kantele, and block-flutes, and sings as a tenor. His primary musical interests are traditional folk dances from Bretagne to Karelia, and the oral history tradition of the Kalevala. He plays in several folk bands in Toronto including Toronton Pelimannit, and Old

Man Flanagan's Ghost. He has accompanied many choirs in Toronto, including Univox Choir, Vox Finlandiae, Toronton Mieslaulajat, and the Irish Choral Society. As a member of Agricola Kantele Players, Matti helped organize a kantele workshop with Dr. Arja Kastinen in 2014.

Matti has performed at Finnish Festivals in Burnaby, Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, and Sudbury, and has appeared on many stages including Roy Thomson Hall, the Air Canada Centre, Finlandia Hall, and CBC and CTV television.

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PERFORMERS

LILI AHOPELTO



Lili Ahopelto is a piano and accordion player and music teacher from Woodstock, Ontario, who is now based in Toronto.

Lili has been playing the piano since the age of five and is currently in her second year in the classical Piano Performance program at the University of Toronto. She completed her ARCT diploma in Piano Performance from the Royal Conservatory of Music in June 2013. She has been awarded several awards and scholarships from performing at several music competitions since a young age, including the Woodstock Rotary Festival of Music, and Kiwanis Music Festivals in London, Stratford, and Toronto. She has also participated in a weeklong piano masterclass at the Savonlinna Music Academy, taught by renowned pianist Paavali Jumppanen.

Lili also enjoys celebrating her Finnish heritage through playing accordion, which she started at age seven. She

has played popular and traditional Finnish tunes at many Finnish events around Toronto and has performed at Finn Festivals in Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie.

Lili can be found busking on her accordion and bringing Finnish music to the populace of downtown Toronto, as well as playing several other popular crowd favourites. Lili likes to volunteer at Finnish gatherings in Toronto and occasionally plays piano and accordion at Agricola kirkko and Suomi koti. She also teaches music and currently has a few theory and history students in her hometown of Woodstock, and has also taught piano lessons and prepared students for RCM practical and theory exams.



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FRI. JUNE 26.

PERJ. 26. KESÄKUUTA

09:00 - 17:00 Registration Office – Rekisteröintitoimisto, North York Civic Centre, Lower level, Alakerta

Venue/Time	Mel Lastman Square	North York Civic Centre, Lower level, Alakerta, Kokoushuone #1	North York Civic Centre Meeting Room/ Kokoushuone #2	North York Civic Centre Meeting Room/ Kokoushuone #3	North York Civic Centre - Council Chamber - Valtuuston Kokoushuone	North York Civic Centre, Memorial Hall Burgundy Room	Novotel Hotel Ball Room Juhlasali
11:00 - 18:00	Nordic Fair open Nordic Fair (Tori) auki						
11:15	Pre-opening Music Alkumusiikkia Toronto Pelimannit						
12:00	Opening Ceremonies Avajaiset						
13:00	Jan Mikael Pennanen Singer			Lecture – Luento Veli Niinimaa "Expatriate Parliament"			
14:00	Combined Folkdances	Arts and Crafts Exhibit Taide- ja käsityönäyttely	"Lotta Document" Viimeinen Testamentti Film – Raimo Salo				
14:45	Svenska Spelman Donald Sandy Band						
15:00				Lecture – Luento Roy Blomstrom The Finnish Civil War of 1918 From Mystery to Novel"			
15:30	Lisa Lehto Dance						
16:00					Concert – Konsertti Lasse Heikkilä & Rainer Lindeman		
16:15 - 17:15	Dance on the Square "Vesipump- pu" Band from Finland						
17:30	Matti Palonen Singer/Kantele						
18:00	Sweet Panic Steel Drum Band						
18:30	Sweet Panic Steel Drum Band from Finland					"Harmaat Pantterit" Lohtajan Teatteri in Finnish	
19:20	Rivals						
20:00							Opening Dance Avajaistanssit "Toronto Pelimannit"
20:10	J Puddy						
21:00	The Roaming Coyotes						

SAT. JUNE 27.

LA. 27. KESÄKUUTA

09:00 - 17:00 Registration Office - Rekisteröintitoimisto, North York Civic Centre, Lower Level, Alakerta

Venue/ Time	Mel Lastman Square	Mel Lastman Square Garden Court Puutarha Aukio	North York Civic Centre, Lower level, Alakerta, Kokoushuone #1	North York Civic Centre Meeting Room/ Kokoushuone #2	North York Civic Centre Meeting Room/ Kokoushuone #3	North York Civic Centre - Council Chamber - Val- tuuston Kok- oushuone	Novotel Hotel Ball Room Juhlasali	Novotel Hotel Trio Restau- rant Ravintola	Novotel Hotel Duncan Room	Novotel Hotel Sheppard Room	Memorial Hall Burgundy Room
9:00	Nordic Fair open Nordic Fair (Tori) auki		Arts & Crafts Exhibit Taide- ja käsi- työnäyttely		Raimo Salo "Wonderful Life Of Hanssin Jukka DC2 Era Plane"				Finnish Canadian Cultural Federation Annual General Meeting Kanadan Suoma- lainen Kulttuuri- liitto Vuosikokous		
10:00		Children's Program Lastenohjelmaa	"Kantele" Workshop - "Kantele" Kurssi Advanced Matti Palonen	"Kantele" Workshop - "Kantele" Kurssi Beginner - Hilikka Luus	Kelly Saxberg - "Saving the Finnish Labour Temple One Pancake at a Time"						
11:00	Finnish Language School - Choir				Anu Muhonen "Letters from Somewhere Out There"					Expatriate Parlia- ment Meeting Ulko-suomal- aisparlamentin kokous	
11:30	Lili Ahopelto Accordian										
11:45						Concert - Konsertti "Amerikan Lau- lajat"					
12:00	Combined Folk- dances				Liisa Nygård Johnson "The Child of Lamposaari: Inspiring Memoir of a Finnish Immigrant Mother, Hilikka Nygård"						
12:45	Sweet Panic - Steel Drum band										
13:00											"Amerikan Ar- mas" - Toronton Suomalainen Teat- teri - in Finnish
13:30	Kiikurit Folkdancers			Amerikan Laulajat Annual General Meeting Vuosiskokous							
14:00	NYGÅRD FASHION SHOW	Steel Drums Work- shop Sweet Panic			Petteri Makkonen "Finnish Civil War 1918"						
15:00	Tiina Kinnunen Dance - "Satumaa"										
15:15	Jan Mikael Pennanen Singer					Concert - Kon- sertti - "So Many Sisters" from Finland					
16:00	Danish Performance	Wife Carrying Contest Akankanto Kilpailu									
16:30	Dean Young Comedian					FINN IDOL - Ahti Tolvanen					Concert - Kon- sertti - Raimo Salo - "Toivo Kärki Konsertti"
17:00	(17:15) Sweet Panic - Steel Drum band					Concert - Kon- sertti Toronto Swedish Singers					
18:00	Square Closes					Festival Gala Banquet - Gala Illallistanssiaiset - "Vesipumppu"					
21:00								Festival Dance only Tanssi-ilta "Donald Sandy"			

SUN. JUNE 28.

SUN. 28. KESÄKUUTA

09:00 - 13:00 Registration Office – Rekisteröintitoimisto, North York Civic Centre, Lower level, Alakerta

Venue/Time	Mel Lastman Square	North York Civic Centre, Lower level, Alakerta, Kokoushuone #1	North York Civic Centre Meeting Room/ Kokoushuone #2	North York Civic Centre Meeting Room/ Kokoushuone #3
9:00	Nordic Fair open Nordic Fair (Tori) auki	Arts & Crafts Exhibit Taide- ja käsityönäyttely		Lecture – Luento Lauri Väätänen "Suomen Asekätkentä" (in Finnish)
10:00				
11:00	Jan Mikael Pennanen – Singer			Veli Niinimaa "Genealogy and its Rewards"
11:45	Lisa Lehto – Dance			
12:00	Svenska Spelman Donald Sandy Band			Veli Niinimaa "Publishing a Family History"
12:45				
13:00	Kiikurit Folkdancers			Timo Virtanen "Everybody is Important"
13:30	Estonian Jaaniku Singers			
14:00	The DCAT Chorus			
14:30	Danish Program			
15:00	Mr. Finch (Rauno Petäjä) – Musician		"Keepers of the Loom" Estonian Documentary Film	
16:00	The Lines			
18:00	Nordic Fair Closes			
21:00				

North York Civic Centre - Council Chamber - Valtuuston Kokoushuone	Novotel Hotel Trio Restaurant Ravintola	Novotel Hotel Ball Room Juhlasali	Cardinal Carter Academy Auditorium 36 Greenfield Avenue
Church Service – Jumalanpalvelus ja Suomalainen Messu			
Concert – Konsertti "Vox Finlandiae"			
"Documentary" by Mauri Jalava – "The First Grand Festival in Sudbury, 1940"			
			Festival Concert Juhlakonsertti
	Farewell Dinner Jäähyväisillallinen		
		Farewell Dance Jäähyväistanssit "Vesipumppu"	

PERFORMERS

LISA LEHTO



Lisa Lehto is 11 years old and she loves to dance. Lisa started dancing with *Joy Booth School of Dancing* at 5 years of age, when she had her first experience with Ballet and performing in a recital. In her second year, Lisa added Jazz classes, and in her third year Musical Theatre sparked her interest. Lisa has continued to develop her dancing skills with dance classes in Ballet, Tap, Acro, Lyrical, and Stretch and Strengthen. This past year she was asked to join semi-private classes in both Tap and Jazz making a total of eight dance classes per week.

During the off-season, Lisa enjoys choreographing her own dances. Her life ambition is to one day operate her own dance studio. Lisa's life example teaches us to follow our dreams, no matter how great.

TIINA KINNUNEN



Tiina Kinnunen began dancing at the age of four and her feet barely touched the ground for the next 18 years. She is a classically trained ballet dancer, veteran performer of the Helsinki pavilion, performed *The Nutcracker* for 3 seasons with *The Panda Dance Theatre*, and taught for 3 years with *Kicks Dance Studio* in Markham. She no longer dances full time, but periodically performs at social events as well as churches around the GTA. Tiina currently serves the Finnish-Canadian community as a Teller at *Osuuspankki*. She is overjoyed to be performing at the *Finn Festival* for the first time.

The lyrics to Tiina's performance on the next page have been provided, for your convenience, in both Finnish and English. Feel free to sing along.

SATUMAA

San. ja sävel: Unto Mononen

Aavan meren tuolla puolen jossakin on maa,
Missä onnen kaukorantaan laine liplattaa
Missä kukat kauneimmat luo aina loistettaan,
Siellä huolet huomisen voi jäädä unholaan

Jospa kerran sinne satumaahan käydä vois,
Sieltä koskaan lähtisi en linnun lailla pois
Siivetönnä en voi lentää vanki olen maan,
Aatoksen mi kauas entää sinne käydä saan

Lennä laulu sinne missä siintää satumaa,
Sinne missä oma armain mua odottaa
Lennä laulu sinne lailla linnun liitävän,
Kerro että aatoksissain on vain yksin hän.

Somewhere beyond the open sea, there is a land.

Where waves of happiness wash upon the sand.

Where we pick the most beautiful flowers ever created by hand.

Where the cares and worries of tomorrow can be erased on command.

Oh, if I could only visit this Wonderland but if just once.

Like a bird, I would never fly away from such radiance.

But without wings I cannot fly, I am a prisoner of the land.

Only in my dreams can I walk there on the sand.

Let this song be carried to my Wonderland beyond the sea.

Where my very own beloved is waiting for me.

May my song fly like a bird across the fateful seas,
and tell them in my thoughts are no one else but thee.

Translation by Tiina Kinnunen

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PERFORMERS

DEAN YOUNG

SAT @ 4:30 PM

Mel Lastman Square



Dean Young was born in Thunder Bay and raised on a steady diet of wolf's milk and Tim Hortons breakfast sandwiches. Dean decided at a young age that money and success weren't important, and left home to pursue a life in comedy instead of learning how to play hockey or do oil type stuff in Alberta.

Dean's festival credits include NXNE, Streamfest 2013, Comedy Bar's 'Best of 2014', and the 2014 Iceland Comedy Festival. He also headlined in Honolulu (the crowds were literally warm)

Dean has appeared on MTV Canada, the ichannel standup series 'No Kidding' and he's a main cast member on the comedy panel show "In My Humble Opinion" on Funny or Die

A regular guest on podcasts, rock radio and network shows across the dial (even in Reykjavik!) Dean's angelic voice has been heard on Sirius XM's Canada Talks and Canada Laughs, Ward & Al, Humble & Fred, CBC Radio, and the Pod Almighty Network

Dean is the comedy editor for Canada's *The Scene Magazine* and *Toronto is Awesome*. He's the host of the cult weekly comedy show *KITCH Comedy*, and live shows at Toronto's famous *Comedy Bar* and *Tango Palace*. And the host of *Forever Young with Dean Young & Friends* on TALKHOLE comedy podcast network. He will be performing his show live from the FinnFest stage.

JAN MIKAEL PENNANEN FRI @ 1 PM, SAT @ 3:15 PM, SUN 11 AM

Mel Lastman Square

Singer Jan Mikael Pennanen represents South Florida's Finnish community, where he has entertained Finns and their American friends since 2005. He is born in Helsinki Finland and started singing in his early teens and performed in his own weekly Finnish radio program in Södertälje, Sweden and on local TV. In 2000, he took part in the "Stars in Your Eyes" TV show in Finland, and in 2004 reached the finals of the Finnish Eurovision Song Contest. He has performed frequently at events sponsored by Finnish governmental and cultural organizations in the US and in Finland.



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LINES

SUN 28.6. @ 4 PM

Mel Lastman Square



Lines is a new project for Jarkko Ylänkö, Suvi Ylänkö and Matt Morton, but it is really a continuation of the music and ideas that they crafted together in their previous band, LLIONS, which had also counted Satu Ylänkö as a member before her move out West. Canadian-born but with a mix of native and adopted Finnish blood, the trio are influenced by singer-songwriters such as Damien

Jurado or Jason Molina, and inspired by bands such as Low or Wilco. The music of Lines combines various threads of indie, pop and folk, for a sound that is melodic and happily irreverent, aiming to create moments that are upbeat and full of light, but with a touch of something dark and dense at the edges. All the time hoping to leave a new song in the hearts and minds of the listener.

SWEET PANIC FRI @ 6:30 PM SAT @ 12:45, 5:15 PM Mel Lastman Square



Sweet Panic is a young and enthusiastic steel pan group from Kitee, Finland. The band mainly consists of students between ages 16-19. They have played together since 2011 and performed in various events in North Carelia. More recently in autumn 2014 the band visited Germany. They play all kinds of music from; Calypso, rock, Finnish traditional music.

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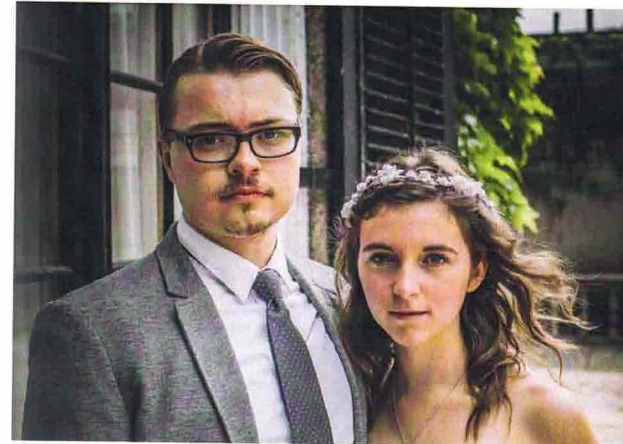
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RIVALS FRIDAY @ 7:20 PM

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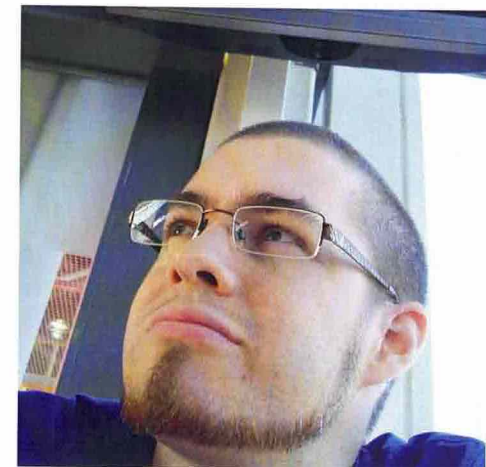
From the grand city of Toronto the Finnish singer / songwriter duo of Jacob and Tamsyn Puiras were born and bred in musical families. They have been performing together for over five years in multiple venues and bands but with their recent nuptials have begun something new: "Rivals".

J PUDDY FRIDAY @ 8:10 PM

Mel Lastman Square

Jonathan Puddle has been DJing under the alias J Puddy since 2003. He favours melodic progressive house, with heavy trance influence. J Puddy has performed in Canada as well as Finland, playing to small house parties, large clubs, and mega-auditoriums. His personal tastes in music extend to almost all genres, so he's constantly seeking a way to incorporate these various influences, from disco to nu-jazz, down-tempo acoustic to folk metal, to organic hip-hop and classical music.

J Puddy mixes the Beatitudes (pronounced be-attitudes) mix series, featuring his signature selection of electronic dance music. The Goodbye series comes out at New Years every year, showcasing J Puddy's favourite tracks of that year.



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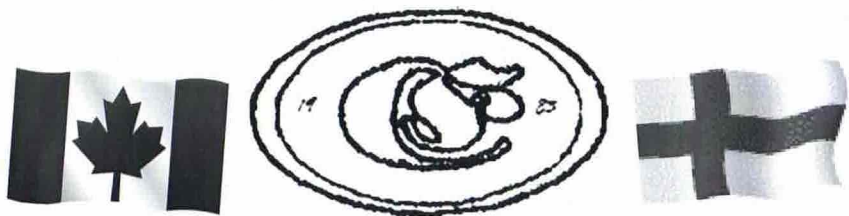
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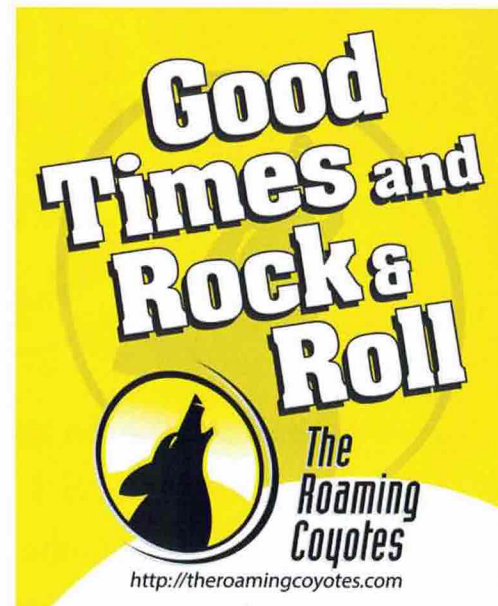
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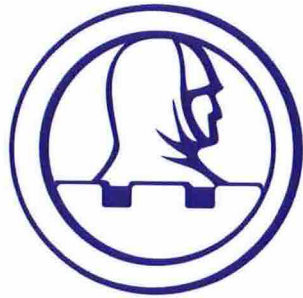
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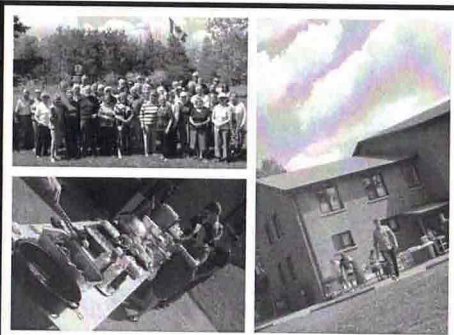
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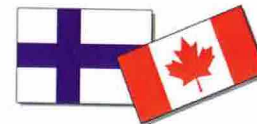
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They were invited to come perform at FinnFest 2015, and chose to perform a familiar play scripted by Heikki Lund called *Harmaat Pantterit* (Grey Panthers).



They have performed *Harmaat Pantterit* on home soil in Finland and are excited about having the opportunity to perform it in Canada. Euros have been exchanged to dollars, travel insurance has been purchased, rides have been reserved, travel arrangements handled, and the flight from Oulu to Toronto with a few stopovers was brought them here!

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Perjantaina 26.6.2015
at 6 p.m. - klo 18:00

Esityspaikka: Memorial Hall –Burgundy Room
Lohtajan harrastajanäyttelijät esittää:

HARMAAT PANTTERIT

Ohjaus: Sanna-Kaisa Karvonen Käsikirjoitus: Heikki Lund

Vanhustenhoidosta on kirjoitettu näytelmiä ennenkin, mutta *HARMAAT PANTTERIT* tarjoaa aktiivisia, eläviä ihmisiä – vaikka ”AINUT EHYT PAIKKA RUPISSA ON TEKOHAMPAAT”, kuten kärttyisä Laimi valittaa. Näytelmä kyseenalaistaa myös median ja monien järjestöjen luoman myytin siitä, että kaikki on kiinni rahan ja henkilökunnan puutteesta.

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Rooleissa nähdään Elisa Karhula, Saija Niemi-Erkkilä, Heikki Välikangas, Katri Turhanen, Maarit Lukkarila, Virpi Mattila, Birgitta Stenfors, Veli-Pekka Perttula ja Johanna Tuominen.

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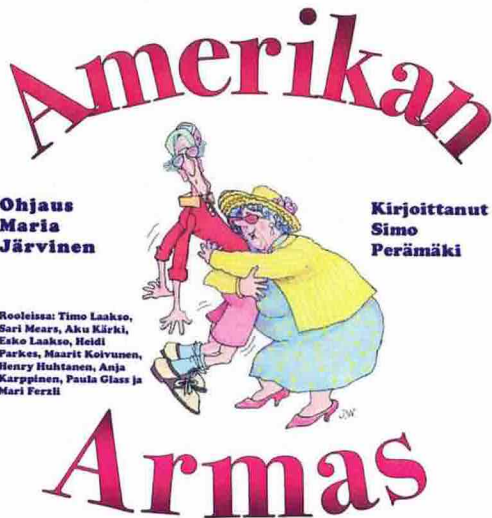
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Lauantaina 27. 6. 2015

at 1 p.m. - klo 13:00

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Näyttämistoimikunnassa jäseninä toimivat mm. terassiyrittäjä Leila Siltala (Sari Mears), naisten erikoisasiantuntija Reino Vainio (Aku Kärki) ja kansakouluntarkastaja Uuno Järvelä (Esko Laakso).

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Millaisia naisia saapuu, ja kenet Armas valitsee? Kuka on vaarallinen tamma? Miksi kaunis kapakkatanssija on tullut Kuuselan kylään, ja mitä hän haluaa? Mikä Armas on miehään?

Muissa rooleissa nähdään Henry Huhtanen, Maarit Koivunen, Heidi Parkes, Paula Glass, Anja Karppinen ja uutena tulokkaana Mari Ferzli.

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Visit the **Toronto City Hall**. It is one of Toronto's best known landmarks. Its stunning, modernist structure makes it an ideal symbol of a dynamic and growing city.

In 1957, then Mayor Nathan Phillips convinced City Council to hold an international design competition for a new City Hall on the northwest corner of Queen and Bay. A total of 520 designs were received from 42 different countries.

The winner of the competition was Finnish architect, **Viljo Revell**.

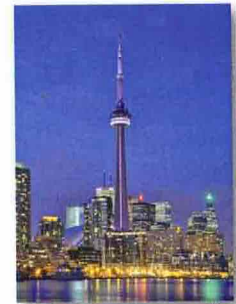
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Here's an interesting fact that probably most Finns living in Toronto aren't even aware of: my dad's cousin, **David Korhonen**, was the pilot who flew the 10 ton Sikorsky helicopter "Olga" that attached the 102 metre steel broadcasting antenna to the top of the CN Tower!

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