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SÁBADO 11.6.	Misa, Real Monasterio de San Lorenzo de El Escorial
DOMINGO 12.6.	Concierto, Iglesia de San Manuel y San Benito, Madrio
MARTES 14.6.	Concierto, Iglesia de Santa Catalina, Valencia
MIERCOLES 15.6.	Concierto, Basílica de Santa Maria del Pi, Barcelona
JUEVES 16.6.	Actuación, Basílica Santa Maria de Montserrat
SÁBADO 18.6.	Concierto, Iglesia de Sant Gaietá, Palma de Mallorca
DOMINGO 19.6.	Misa, Basilica de Lluc, Mallorca
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Saludo del Presidente de la República de Finlandia

EL CORO CANTORES MINORES es mucho más que un coro. Es una comunidad que ofrece a sus jóvenes voces una base artística y educativa única. A muchos de ellos les proporciona el fundamento para una afición que se prolongará a lo largo de toda la vida, a otros incluso hasta una profesión. A los oyentes de sus conciertos, el coro les ofrece una experiencia en la que sumergirse y aislarse así del exterior ruido.

La música nos brinda la posibilidad de crear una colectividad más amplia. El fondo o la historia de los amigos de música carece de importancia cuando éstos se reúnen, ya se trate de un cantante de coro entusiasta o de un devoto oyente.

En esta primera mitad del 64º año de funcionamiento de Cantores Minores, en su repertorio van a poder apreciarse tanto las tradiciones como la conquista de lo nuevo. Lo tradicional tuvo su punto

álgido el pasado Viernes Santo con la Pasión según San Mateo de J.S. Bach, quizá la obra más conocida del coro.

Además de las actuaciones en Finlandia, Cantores Minores ha realizado numerosas giras por todo el mundo. En sus viajes anuales las jóvenes voces han llegado hasta Japón y Estados Unidos, y ahora surgirá también algo nuevo, cuando este mes de junio el público español pueda disfrutar del saber hacer de la música finlandesa en San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Madrid, Valencia, Barcelona, Montserrat, Palma de Mallorca y en el Santuario de Lluc.

Le deseo al coro Cantores Minores buena suerte, éxito y alegría a la hora de cantar. Además, espero que todos aquellos que participan en sus conciertos por España tengan una agradable experiencia musical.

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Sauli Niinistö – Presidente de la República de Finlandia

El presidente de la República, Sauli Niinistö, y su esposa, la señora Jenni Haukio, son benefactores permanentes del coro Cantores Minores.

Programa opcional

Optional Repertoire

MÚSICA INTERNACIONAL DESDE EL SIGLO XVI HASTA EL PRESENTE INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FROM 14TH TO 19TH CENTURY

- 1 Jacob Archadelt Ave Maria CA. 1500–1568
- 2 Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina Kyrie (from Missa Papae Marcelli)
 CA. 1525–1594
- 3 Ludovico Grossi da Viadana Exsultate, justi CA. 1560–1627
- 4 Hans Leo Hassler Dixit Maria ad Angelum 1564–1612
- 5 Heinrich Schütz Verleih uns Frieden (Geistliche Chormusik 1648, SWV 372)
- 6 Johann Sebastian Bach Motet ,Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied' (For two 4-parts choir, BWV 225)

1685-1750

- 7 Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy Denn er hat seinen Engeln befohlen über dir (Ps. 91) 1809–1847
- 8 Anton Bruckner Os justi 1824–1896
- 9 Gustav Adolf Merkel Ehre sei Gott in der Höhe

1827-1885

- 10 Sergei Rahmaninov Bogoroditse Devo 1873–1943
- 11 Hugo Distler Wachet auf, nun ruft uns die Stimme (Op. 12, nr. 6)
 1908–1942
- 12 Krzysztof Penderecki O gloriosa Virginum *1933
- 13 James MacMillan Ave maris stella *1959

14 Eric Whitacre – A. Lux Aurumque, B. Sainte-Chapelle

*1970

- 15 Bernhard Lewkovitch Ave Maria
- 16 Trad. Irish Melody An Irish blessing ARR. JAMES E. MOORE

MÚSICA CORAL FINLANDESA FINNISH MUSIC FROM THE MIDDLE AGES TO CONTEMPORARY COMPOSERS

- 17 Piae Cantiones Ave maris stella 1582/1625, ARR. HEIKKI KLEMETTI
- 18 Fredrik Pacius Suomen laulu
- 19 Gabriel Linsén Kesäpäivä Kangasalla 1838–1914
- 20 Jean Sibelius A. Finlandia, B. Sydämeni laulu 1865–1957
- 21 Sulo Salonen Puhukaa keskenänne psalmeilla 1899–1976
- 22 Taneli Kuusisto Suomalainen rukous 1905–1988
- 23 Bengt Johansson Missa a Quattro Voci:1. Kyrie, 2. Gloria, 3. Credo, 4. Sanctus,5. Agnus Dei1914–1989
- 24 Joonas Kokkonen Laudate Dominun (1. part from Laudatio Domini) 1921–1996
- 25 Einojuhani Rautavaara A. Credo, B. Lähtö, C. Suomalainen rukouskirja (A Finnish Prayer Book): C1. Tuo'os mettä kielelläsi, C2. Saunarukous, C3. Taivahan ilohon
 *1928

Tendrémos disponible una selección adecuada para cada concierto. A suitable selection will be chosen for every concert.

- 26 Jukka Linkola Punapaula (Maiden with Red Ribbon, from collection 'Mieliteko')
 1955
- 27 Jaakko Mäntyjärvi A. Canticum Calamitatis Maritimae, B. CCCX (Closing part from the Choral Drama 'Salvat') *1963
- 28 Finnish Folk Songs A. On suuri sun rantas autius, B. Iltalaulu, C. Kesäillalla ARR. (A) MATTI HYÖKKI, (B) ILKKA KUUSISTO, (C) ILMARI KROHN

OBRAS ACOMPAÑADAS DE ÓRGANO WORKS WITH ORGAN

- 29 César Franck Panis angelicus 1822–1890
- 30 C. Hubert H. Parry I Was Glad 1848–1918
- 31 John Rutter The Lord bless you and keep you *1945

SOLOS DE ÓRGANO WORKS FOR ORGAN

- 32 Johann Sebastian Bach A. Toccata C (BWV 564), B. Praeludium & Fuga d (BWV 539) 1685–1750
- 33 Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck Partite sobra Mein junges Leben hat ein End 1562–1621
- 34 Andrea Gabrieli Fantasia Allegra 1533–1585
- 35 Girolamo Frescobaldi Recercari dopo il Credo (from Fiori Musicali, Op. 12) 1583–1643
- 36 Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy Allegro con brio (from Sonata nro IV, Op. 65)
- 37 Olivier Messiaen Transports de joie (from L'ascension) 1908–1992
- 38 Louis Vierne Finale (from Symphonie Op. 14 No. 1) 1870–1937
- 39 Markus Malmgren Day Three (comp. 1996) *1969

Cantores Minores agradece cordialmente a los siguientes socios y organizaciones que de diferente manera han hecho posible y ayudado a organizar esta gira:

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– The Finnish Music Foundation
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Escolania de Montserrat
Escolania de Lluc
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Helsingin Sanomat
Innofactor
Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken – SEB
Cantores Minores -kannatusyhdistys ry
Saarikoski Travels

Traducción de las obras finlandesas (al inglés)

Translations of Texts of the Finnish Music

17. AVE MARIS STELLA WELCOME TO THEE, STAR OF THE SEAS BIENVENIDO A LA ESTRELLA DE LOS MARES

Collection Piae cantiones 1582, text. trad. (Arr. Heikki Klemetti)

When she dries her eyes and she looks towards heaven and when she is in whole and pure and when she says her prayers When she dons the robe then she knows she's not dreaming and then she turns to her other side and kisses it good-bye, but not forever

18. SUOMEN LAULU FINLAND'S SONG CANCIÓN DE FINLANDIA

Fredrik Pacius, text Taavi Hahl

Hear the music ringing, hear Väinö's kantele singing! It is Finland's song! Hear the pine trees sighing, hear the rapids roaring, it is Finland's song! Everywhere the music rings, everywhere everyone sings. It is Finland's song! If you have a heart, in joy or sorrow hear Finland's song!

19. KESÄPÄIVÄ KANGASALLA SUMMER DAY IN KANGASALA DÍA DE VERANO EN KANGASALA

Gabriel Linsén, text. Z. Topelius

I sway up in the highest branch on Harjula ridge as long as my eye reaches I see lakes and bays. Alas, lake Längelmävesi with silvery glint and the sweet billows caressing lake Roine's strand.

I am just a small bird, my wings are feeble but were I a valiant eagle, I would raise on my wings

and fly all way up to heaven by God's seat and sing and pray in the humblest way: O blessed Lord of heaven, our gracious father! How beautiful is your earth, how wondrous your heaven!

Let our lakes always reflect the flame of love! O Lord, give us inspiration always to love our land!

20A. FINLANDIA -HYMNI FINLANDIA HYMN HIMNO FINLANDIA

Jean Sibelius, text. V.A. Koskenniemi

Finland, behold, thy daylight now is dawning, the threat of night has now been driven away. The skylark call across the light of morning, the blue of heav'n lets it have its way, and now the day the powers of night is scorning:

thy daylight dawns, O Finland of ours! Finland, arise, and raise towards the highest thy head now crowned with mighty memory. Finland, arise, for to the world thou criest

that thou hast thrown off thy slavery, beneath oppression's yoke thou never liest. Thy morning's come, O Finland of ours!

20B. SYDÄMENI LAULU THE SONG OF MY HEART LA CANCIÓN DE MI CORAZÓN

Jean Sibelius, text. Aleksis Kivi

The grove of Death, the grove of night, There is the gentle crib of sand, there shall I bring my child.
There he will happily shepherd the cattle of the Lord of Death.
And happily he will at night slumber in the arms of the Maiden of Death.
How happily my precious will drift in the golden crib listening to the nightingale.
The grove of Death, the grove of peace,
Far away is the strife and struggle, far away the treacherous world.

21. PUHUKAA KESKENÄNNE PSALMEILLA SPEAK TOGETHER WITH PSALMS HABLAD ENTRE VOSOTROS CON SALMOS

Sulo Salonen, text trad.

Speak together with psalms, with hymns of praise and spiritual songs, singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts.

22. SUOMALAINEN RUKOUS A FINNISH PRAYER ORACIÓN FINLANDESA

Taneli Kuusisto, text Uuno Kailas

Bless and guard us in your hand, Highest! Guide our people's path, give strength to us, so feeble before you. Yours is all greatness, all spirit from your Spirit. Search our hearts, cast your eyes upon us! That we would not go astray, that our people would not perish, cast your eyes upon us! Forever protect our native land with your wings!

23. MISSA A QUATTRO VOCI

Bengt Johansson, text trad.

Kvrie

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest. We praise You, we bless You. we adore You. we glorify You, we give you thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, God the Almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Lamb of God, you who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you who take away the sins of the world, hear our prayers. You who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us. For You are alone are the Holy One, you alone the Lord, you alone the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

Credo

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God. Light of Light, Very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven. And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead. and the life of the world to come.

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Amen.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who cometh in the name of Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Grant us peace.

24. LAUDATE DOMINUM (1. PART FROM LAUDATIO DOMINI)

Joonas Kokkonen, text trad.

Praise the Lord.
All his angels,
praise him for all his virtues.
Praise him all stars and the light of heaven.
Praise him all that abide above heavens.
Praise the name of the Lord.

25A. CREDO

Einojuhani Rautavaara, text trad.

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,

and was made man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

25B. LÄHTÖ THE DEPARTURE LA PARTIDA

Einojuhani Rautavaara, text Toivo Pekkanen

One morning, one spring morning while the sun rises up to the sky I mount my horse.

My body is asleep, my spirit cannot hear my steps, nor the rejoicing thump of my horse's hooves.

Mount the horse, you harassed, tortured one, punished a thousand times, yet unbreakable, forever living. I alone know this morning's

The horse obeys my command only. I alone see the road of redemption. Gallop forth, proudly, you golden horse of my faith.

For a brief moment you hear us over the roofs. I am far away, I am free.

25C. SUOMALAINEN RUKOUSKIRJA A FINNISH PRAYER BOOK LIBRO FINLANDÉS DE ORACIONES

Einojuhani Rautavaara, text. trad.

1. Tuo'os mettä kielelläsi/Bring me nectar on thy tongue/Trae néctar a mis labios

Virgin, virgin, virgin Mary, O birth-giver, mother pure and fair of face!
Bring me nectar on thy tongue, mead in thy heart as a liniment for this my pain, as a cure for this my affliction!
Anoint me with the salves with which thou once didst anoint thy Son, treat me with the poultices with which thou once didst treat thy Son.
Bring me nectar, virgin, virgin, virgin Mary, O birth-giver, mother pure and fair of face!

2. Saunarukous/Sauna prayer/Oración de sauna

Virgin Mary, O birth-giver,
mother pure and fair of face,
come secretly into the sauna,
into the room of pain's sharp arrows,
without the door groaning,
without the hinges creaking!
[May the] steam [rise] to the moss [in the roof]
of the sauna,
[may my] pains [be banished] to the stones of
the stove!

3. Taivahan ilohon/To the joy of heaven/A la alegría del paraíso

Bring us, Lord Jesus, to the joys of heaven! Our respite is in heaven, our rejoicing is with Jesus. No one can get there with money or travel there with gold: the way is smooth without money, the road is wide without coins.

26. PUNAPAULA THE MAIDEN WITH A RED RIBBON DAMA CON CINTA ROJA

Trad. (Arr. Jukka Linkola)

Red ribbon, ribbon, ribbon...

The maiden goes to dance with a red ribbon and ties it round the arm of her sweetheart. Why do you tie it so hard, do you think I shall flee away?

Red ribbon, ribbon, ribbon...

The maiden goes to dance with a red ribbon.

27A. CANTICUM CALAMITATIS MARITIMAESONG OF MARITIME CALAMITY

Jaakko Mäntyjärvi, text. trad. and Nunti Latini

May the eternal light shine upon them, O Lord,

an may perpetual light shine upon them. Have mery, O Lord.

Over eight hundred people perished in a shipwreck in the northern Baltic Sea.

The car ferry Estonia,

en route from Tallinn to Stockholm,

was overturned in a severe storm and sank.

There were about 1000 passengers on board

910 people lost their lives

in the wreck of the Estonia:

139 were saved.

(Nuntii Latin)

They that go down to the sea in ships,

that do business in great waters;

These see the works of the Lord,

and his wonders in the deep.

For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy

wind,

which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven,

they go down again to the depths;

their soul is melted because of trouble.

They reel to and fro,

and stagger like a drunken man,

and are at their wit's end.

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven. (Psalm 107, 23–30)

27B. CCCX

Jaakko Mäntyjärvi, text trad.

When Lord Jesus is with us here,

We shall not fear our Foe.

Though Anger unslaking be against us,

We shall trust in our Defender.

Though the Way is narrow and leadeth to Strife,

Jesus is our Strength and Shield.

We shall join Battle in Faith.

Our Way is holy and free of Wrong-doing.

What Foe could vanquish that Hero,

Who could defeat the Lord of Calvary?

In Battle He is a safe Stronghold,

He hath triumphed over Satan.

Even if we find ourselves in deep Waters,

In the midst of the Fear of Death.

We cannot fail, for His Voice resoundeth

Through the Noise of Storm and Hell.

The Sting of Death is removed,

And Triumph is snatched from Hell.

Jesus is the invincible Prince of Life,

And the Dawn of Bliss is come.

Let us sing the Praises

Of his Glory and Brightness.

He hath brought us Victory and Redemption,

Through Him we are blessed.

Therefore, ye blessed Friends of Jesus,

Go your Way in Faith.

May your Hope be strong, ye who are

oppressed,

Though ye may be visited with Pain and Strife.

Ye have a Helper, an Aid in Anguish

Upon this Way ye Wander.

He is merciful, He is loyal.

Keep to your Jesus.

When we sigh unto the Lord in our Weakness,

His Holy Spirit doth aid us.

When our very Dreams trouble us,

The Lord will not let us sleep alone.

When we grow weary and have no Strength

To pray or to watch and wake, He shall be our Defender and pray for us, And not chastise the Weak and the Wanting.

28A. ON SUURI SUN RANTASI AUTIUS VAST IS THE DESOLATION OF YOUR SHORES ES GRANDE LA DESOLACIÓN DE TU COSTA

Trad. (Arr. Matti Hyökki)

Vast is the desolation of your shores, vet how I long for the wail of the wild birds resounding in the reeds. Somebody whining f or cold lost in the rush vainly looking for its dam. I have watched your grizzly waves with tears shed for the first sorrows of my own youth. Your image is printed so deep in me, so many nights have I listened to the wail of wild birds.

28B. ILTALAULU EVENING SONG CANCIÓN DE NOCHE

Trad., text trad. (Arr. Ilkka Kuusisto)

All alone I sing here in the dusk;

the daily tasks are over time to rest. I am like a tiny bird Singing in the woods, no protection have I, not one friend Fly little bird, Fly up to the skies. take my devout sighs to my Lord in heaven.

28C. KESÄILLALLA SUMMER DUSK EN UNA NOCHE DE VERANO

Trad., (Arr. Ilmari Krohn)

Walking about in the summer dusk I saw a meadow so green, And heard the gentle sound Of birds chirping in the woods. Lallalallala lallallei Lallalallala lallallei And heard the gentle sound Of birds chirping in the woods. They reminded me of the happiness Which used to be mine. When alone with my sweetheart I roamed in the groves. Lallalallala lallalei Lallalallala lallalei When alone with my sweetheart I roamed in the groves.





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Jani Alanen











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BAJO 2













Cantores Minores

antores Minores, the Choir of Boys and Young Men of Helsinki Cathedral (pictured), was founded in 1952. Its first conductor was the Finnish-American Dr. of Musicology, Mrs. Ruth-Esther Hillilä. The three following conductors came from Vienna (Austria) Mr. Peter Lacovich, Zwickau Prof. H. Hofmann and Dresden (Germany) prof. C. Hauschild, the original footholds of European protestant 'Knabenchor' -tradition. The present conductor Mr. Hannu Norjanen began as the choir's Artistic Director in January 2005. He received his early musical training in the Cantores Minores boys' choir (1974–80). Under his leadership the choir's a cappella repertoire has broadened to include a wide choice of international choral masterpieces as well as contemporary Finnish choir music.

In the Cantores Minores Music Institute tuition is given in musical theory and voice as well as some instruments is given to boys from age of seven. There are a total of almost 500 members in the various stages of the choir (ages from 4 to 25) and over 3000 boys and young men have sung in the Cantores Minores during its 64 years of existence and the choir has produced numerous professional musicians active in a variety of fields.

The choir's repertoire consists of sacral music by European and especially Finnish composers from the 12th to the 21st centuries, not forgetting a selection of folk songs as required. The annual performances of the major works of J.S. Bach form the basis of training of each generation of singers. Cantores Minores performs the St. Matthew's Passion and the St. John's Passion on Good Friday alternate years and the Christmas Oratorio every year at Christmas time. Bach's Mass in b minor and motets are also standard repertoire. Musical borders have been crossed when the choir participated in the Leningrad Cowboys' CD, in Iiro Rantala's TV-show together with Paula Koivuniemi and at the Rock, Rhythm and Love -megaconcert with Ismo Alanko during the Helsinki Festival 2008. The choir's first CD in Norjanen's time of Christmas Carols won re-



wiewers' praise for its pure intonation and brilliant sound. The latest CD CREDO was released year 2015 and it contains Finnish and European Choir Music from 20th Century.

The choir has toured abroad on 59 occasions including five in the USA (1982, 1988, 1993,1998, 2006) and three in Japan (1995, 1997, 2000). The latest tour in June 2015 took the choir to the Baltic countries, where the choir performed e.g. in Vilnius (Lithuania), Riga (Latvia), Tartu and Tallinn (Estonia). Over the years, Cantores Minores has performed for several heads of state and at private audiences for His Holiness Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedictus XVI. The choir has appeared in several world-famous churches such as Westminster Abbey in London, the Nôtre Dame in Paris, St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican, Berliner Dom, Thomaskirche in Leipzig, Frauenkirche in Dresden, Stephansdom in Vienna, Tchaikovsky Hall in Moscow and the State Academic Cappella in St. Petersburg, Washington National Cathedral in the USA and the Shinsho-ji temple in Narita, Japan.

In 1965, Cantores Minores became the first Finnish choir to win the Let the People Sing competition organized by the BBC, and in 1994 it placed well in its category in the first European Competition for Cathedral Choirs in Amiens,

France, Cantores Minores was nominated the Youth Choir of the Year for the season 2009–10 by the Finnish Broadcasting Company (YLE). Year 2014 Cantores Minores was awarded the State of Finland Music Prize.

Cantores Minores organized in October 2013 for the 3rd time the Baltic and Nordic Boys Choir Festival in Helsinki with over 300 participating singers from Finland, Lithuania, Norway, Russia and Sweden. In 2015 the choir organized the XI Helsinki Bach Week the like of which Cantores Minores has organized every five years since 1965.

The choir celebrated its 60th Anniversary year 2012. Among other activities they made the first performances of a composition 'Tapanin virsi' commissioned from Einojuhani Rautavaara as well as the Christmas Oratorio written for the





HANNU NORJANEN

Hannu Norjanen, conductor, has three diplomas, all with distinction: organ, choral conducting and orchestral conducting. His professors in conducting class included Jorma Panula, Eri Klas, Leif Segerstam and Atso Almila. Norjanen had a scholarship in the academic year 1990-91 to study choral conducting in Stockholm in the Royal Music Academy under Prof. Eric Ericson. In October 2015, he completed a D.Mus. degree at the Sibelius Academy. Norjanen has conducted most of the Finnish professional orchestras as well as opera performances. He worked as Artistic Director of the Lappeenranta City Orchestra in 1998-2001 and Vaasa City Orchestra in 1999-2006. Since 1998 Norjanen has been the Artistic Director of Tapiola Chamber Choir. He acts also as the Artistic Director of the Urkuyö ja Aaria Festival in Espoo. In January 2005 Hannu Norjanen became the Artistic Director of Cantores Minores.



choir by its alumnus jazzpianist liro Rantala. The

world-renowned Dresden Kreuzchor appeared

as a special guest of the Cantores Minores anni-

versary and the two choirs together performed

the oratorio Elijah by Felix Mendelssohn. This

year the choir will perform the St. Matthew

Passion and Christmas Oratorio by J.S. Bach,

the Messiah Oratorio by G.F. Händel and the

3rd Symphony by G. Mahler. In June 2016 Can-

tores Minores shall make the first concert tour

to Spain. During this 60th International Concert Tour the choir performs in San Lorenzo de El Es-

MARKUS MALMGREN

Markus Malmgren, organ, has performed as organ soloist, accompanist and chamber musician in the majority of European countries and in North America. He regularly co-operates with several baroque ensembles and orchestras. Malmgren is known for his improvisations, which include music programs for several silent film performances. He has recorded 20th century Finnish organ music and made a number of recordings for the Finnish national broadcasting company YLE. Malmgren has worked extensively as a church musician in the Helsinki region and teaches the organ, liturgical music and improvisation at the Helsinki University of Arts, where he also took his doctoral degree in 2015. Since 2004 Malmgren has been the organist of the Cantores Minores choir.



Pope John Paul II, Vatican 1982



Composer Jean Sibelius, Ainola, Finland 1954



Notre Dame, Paris, France 1976



Frauenkirche, Dresden, Germany 2011



Narita Shinshō-ji Temple, Narita, Japan 1997



Taj Mahal, Agra, India 2008

FINLANDIA EN DATOS

5,4 millones

1,4 millones de habitantes en el área metropolitana

Esperanza de vida



1 78 **1** 84

1.157 km 18,1 habitantes por km² Capital: HELSINK 542 km

Los idiomas oficiales son EL FINÉS (hablado por el 88.9%)...

...y EL SUECO (5.3%)

EL SÁMI es el idioma materno de alrededor de 1.900 personas



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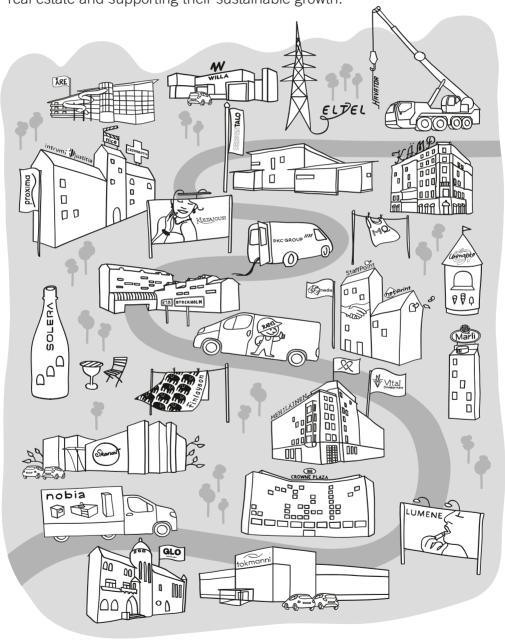








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