

V International Leevi Madetoja Male Voice Choir Competition and Choral Weekend



Espoo, Finland
16-18 April, 2010



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*Leevi Madetoja
(1887-1947)*

Male voice choirs meet in Espoo

In April 2010, it is again time to welcome thousands of male voice choir music lovers to Finland and give the stage to the wide range of international male ensembles. It is time for the **Fifth International Leevi Madetoja Male Voice Choir Competition**.

The competition will be held in the beautiful city of Espoo, located inside the metropolitan area of Helsinki and 10 minutes away from the city centre of this Finnish capital. The competition, organised now already for the fifth time, has become one of the most distinguished European competitions for male voices and it will again gather a number of male voice choirs and hundreds of friends of choral music from all around of the world. The main organizer of the competition and choral weekend is the Finnish Male Voice Choir Union with the kind cooperation and support from Espoon Musiikkifestivaalit yhdistys ry / KuoroEspoo and the City of Espoo.

Competition and choral weekend

The main scene of the male voice choir competition and choral weekend will be Espoo Cultural Centre. The competition itself will take place on Saturday the 17th of April in 2010. Chairman of the jury for the international series will be Professor **Matti Hyökki** from Sibelius Academy, Finland.

In addition to the competition, during the choral weekend there will be many special events, starting from the event's opening concert on Friday by the **Polytech Choir**, one of the leading Finnish male voice choirs celebrating its 110th

anniversary in 2010. The choir is conducted by **Juha Kuivanen**, currently also the chorus master of the Finnish National Opera, who will also chair the jury of the national series in the competition.

All international choirs taking part in the competition will have an opportunity to give a concert in the surrounding churches during the choral weekend. All events during the weekend and competition programme will be constantly updated to the official website of the competition at www.mieskuoro.fi/madetoja2010/en.

Welcome to compete and enjoy male voice choir music in Espoo in 2010!

Leevi Madetoja – leading Finnish choral composer

Leevi Madetoja (1887-1947) was by nature basically a national romantic composer. He was a natural talent and learnt to compose not only from his teachers, among them himself **Jean Sibelius**, but simply by composing, thus managing to acquire the means of writing both choral and orchestral music without any apparent effort. Leevi Madetoja has been regarded as the leading choral composer in Finland, considering both the extent and quality of his output.

Especially Madetoja's works for male voices have always constituted the backbone for the repertoire of Finnish male voice choirs. In 1987, the 100th anniversary year of the composer, The Finnish Male Voice Choir Union initiated the competition as a celebration for this great Finnish choral composer.

Espoo – city of culture and choirs

The second largest city in Finland, Espoo, is well known as a centre for high technology, as well as a vital cultural city. Its archipelago, seaside and wildlife areas offer splendid surroundings for refreshing nature trips. Thus, Espoo is a metropolis surrounded by nature, in close proximity to the Finnish capital city of Helsinki.

Espoo is also renowned for its many fine choirs, such as world-famous **Tapiola Choir** and award-winning **EMO Ensemble**, as well as excellent **Polytech Choir** and **Dominante** ensembles, both originating from Helsinki University of Technology, located also in Espoo.

Competition Rules & Registration

Registration to the competition is open from October 2008 until the end of October 2009. Registration can be made either with written applications or by using registration form at the competition's official website at www.mieskuoro.fi/madetoja2010/en.

Competition rules can be downloaded at the same website and are available in Finnish, Swedish, English, German, French and Japanese.

Practical Information

Sheet Music: Sheet music for compulsory works is available via SULASOL (The Finnish Amateur Musician's Association). Please contact sales@sulasol.fi or visit www.sulasol.fi.

Accommodation: The participating choirs will book their own accommodation and will be fully responsible for all their expenses. In order to find out the best options, including sightseeing tips, please visit e.g. www.espootravel.com.

Contact information: Latest information relating to the competition, including competition programme updates and other choral events during the weekend, will be available at www.mieskuoro.fi/madetoja2010/en. In all competition-related questions, you can contact also Competition Secretary Ms **Sanna-Mari Hiekka**, sanna-mari.hiekka@sulasol.fi or +358 10 8200 236.

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COMPETITION RULES



V INTERNATIONAL LEEVI MADETOJA MALE VOICE CHOIR COMPETITION

EVENT SITE

Espoo Cultural Centre (Address: Kaupinkalliontie 10,
FI-02100 Espoo, Finland)

DATE

Saturday, 17 April 2010

PARTICIPANTS

The competition has two series: international and national. Finnish choirs may freely choose their series. The competing male voice choir must have a minimum of 20 members. Professional singers are not eligible.

COMPETITION PROGRAMME

International Series

Compulsory work: **Leevi Madetoja: Valkeat kaupungit** (Vita städer, Weisse Städte, op. 8:5)

Furthermore, the choir must perform one song by any living contemporary composer from the choir's own native country. In addition to above mentioned pieces, the choir performs an optional and freely selected a cappella programme. Total duration of the competition performance including the compulsory works may not exceed 15 minutes. The language of the competition programme is free.

National Series (only Finnish choirs)

Compulsory work: **Leevi Madetoja: Ilta (op. 81:7)**

Furthermore, the choir must perform one song by any living Finnish contemporary composer. In addition to above mentioned pieces, the choir performs an optional and freely selected a cappella programme. Total duration of the competition performance including the compulsory works may not exceed 15 minutes. The language of the competition programme is free.

SHEET MUSIC

Competing choirs may use copyrighted sheet music only. The competition organiser reserves the right to check the sheet music legitimacy.

REGISTRATION

Written applications must be sent to the organiser's following address by **31 October 2009**: Suomen Mieskuoroliitto ry, Fredrikinkatu 51-53 B, FI-00100 Helsinki, Finland or by email: mieskuoroliitto@sulasol.fi

Within the registration the choir is liable to provide the organiser with the following information:

- Official name of the choir and name of the conductor
- Choir's contact information and contact person
- Number of participating singers
- Competition programme

In addition, the choir is liable to send the following material to the organiser by the registration deadline:

- Presentation of the choir (International series: in English)
- Presentation of the conductor (International series: in English)
- Picture of the choir (high resolution)
- Picture of the conductor (high resolution)
- Sheet music of the competition programme

PARTICIPATION FEE

Entrance fee EUR 300 must be paid to the Finnish Male Voice Choir Union's bank account within the registration, no later than 31 October 2009. In case the choir cancels its participation after 31 December 2009, participation fee will not be refunded. Each participating choir is fully responsible for own expenses.

Bank account details:
Nordea Bank Finland Plc
SWIFT/BIC-code: NDEAFIHH, IBAN FI3612713000083646

PRIZES

Competition prizes total EUR 5000 in international series and EUR 2500 in national series. In addition, a special Leevi Madetoja prize will be awarded for the best performance of Leevi Madetoja's male voice choir work.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All participating choirs will receive written feedback from the jury after the competition. The competition organiser has an unlimited right to record, broadcast, televise, film or photograph all competition performances and concerts. Choirs named by the competition jury are liable to give performances without any extra compensation in the gala concert in the evening of 17 April 2010.

Competition rules confirmed on 16 February 2008
The Finnish Male Voice Choir Union Board

For any further information, please contact Finnish Male Voice Choir Union's office and Ms. Sanna-Mari Hiekka:
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