ÅLANDS XXXIV ORGELFESTIVAL 22–28.6.2008





"The Aland veteran" – the oldest annual music festival on Aland since 1975. During the years, the Festival has offered altogether 350 concerts by hundreds of organists, music ensembles and groups from 20 different countries. The Festival is a popular and appreciated event and a vital cultural resource that has contributed to Aland's world-wide recognition.

When the summer is in high bloom and the willow warbler sings in the groves, The Åland Organ Festival welcomes all music lovers to the 34th international organ music week. In 2008 we will commemorate the centennial jubilee of the French organist Olivier Messiaen's birth. In his music, Messian combined the biased world in which the other live in luxury while the lives of the other are destroyed by wars and nature catastrophes.

Messiaen communicates with the birds of the forest as well as with the unprotected human child. He leads us into the mystery of sharing a simple earthly meal and, at the same time, makes us raise our eyes towards the eternal church and the heavenly banquet. This can be experienced in the opening Mass of the Festival and in Erik Boström's Messiaen concert. Treasures of the same culture are also shared by other performing musicians, them including Kaoru Hiyama of Hiroshima, Andrzej Chorosinski of Warszawa, Ennio Cominetti of Varenna, Italy, and Aland's own mezzo soprano Jenny Carlstedt, accompanied by Folke Forsman of Helsinki. Welcome to the Festival!

Sunday 22.6 at 11:00 am JOMALA S:t Olof Church

SUNDAY SERVICE Stefan Snellman, celebrant, Schola Olaus Petri, Folke Forsman, organ, Helsinki

Sunday 22.6 at 8:00 pm JOMALA, S:t Olof Church

OPENING CONCERT Jenny Carlstedt, mezzo soprano, Finström, Nonna Knuuttila, violin, Folke Forsman, organ, Helsinki

Monday 23.6 at 8:00 pm MARIEHAMN S:t Görans Church

OLIVIER MESSIAEN 100TH JUBILEE Erik Boström, organ, Stockholm, Sweden

Monday 23.6 at 8:00 pm FÖGLÖ, S:ta Maria Magdalena Church CONCERT Schola Olaus Petri, Folke Forsman, organ, Helsinki

Tuesday 24.6 at 12:00 noon MARIEHAMN S:t Göran Church

CHILDREN'S CONCERT Erik Boström and Kaj-Gustav Sandholm Tuesday 24.6 at 8:00 pm FINSTRÖM, S:t Mikael Church

ORGAN CONCERT Kaoru Hiyama, organ, Hiroshima, Japan

Wednesday 25.6 at 8:00 pm MARIEHAMN S:t Göran Church PARIS GREETS MARIEHAMN Andrzej Chorosinski, organ, Warszawa, Poland

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Thursday 26.6 at 8:00 pm SUND, S:t John the Babtist Church ORGAN, VIOLIN & CLASSIC GUITAR Mari-Liis Uibo, violin, Heiki Mätlik, guitar, Andres Uibo, organ, Tallinn, Estonia

Friday 27.6 at 12:00 noon MARIEHAMN S:t Görans Church

 $\textbf{BACH AT LUNCHTIME} \ \text{Alexander Fiseisky, organ, Moscow, Russia}$

Friday 27.6 at 8:00 pm SALTVIK, S:ta Maria Church

TRAVEL THROUGH THE 17TH & 20TH-CENTURY ITALY Ennio Cominetti, organ, Varenna, Italy

Saturday 28.6 at 2:00 pm SOTTUNGA, S:ta Maria Magdalena Church

ORGAN & FLUTE Duo Consonantes: Joanna Woszczyk, flute, Jakub Garbacz, organ, Lódz, Poland

Saturday 28.6 at 2:00 pm VARDÖ, Bönehus

CHAMBER CONCERT Aland Music Institute's choir and orchestra, Kjell Frisk, conductor, Henryk Gwardak, organ

Saturday 28.6 at 8:00 pm MARIEHAMN S:t Göran Church

FINAL FESTIVAL CONCERT Olivier Vernet, organ, Toulon, France

Programme à 15/10 EUR sold before each concert at the entrance. Discounts for the members of the association.

Free programme booklet. Bookings for groups in advance on the Internet or by e-mail.

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