



Schedule of Lectures, Films and Demonstrations* Finn Fest USA® 2014 Minneapolis

Wednesday, August 6th

6:30 PM

A Guided Tour of the Ryijy Exhibit at the American Swedish Institute
Siri Korhonen

Friday, August 8th

9 AM

Finnish Heavy Metal Music Representing Finnishness
Titus Hjelm

The Friends of Finnish Handicraft, Collector of the Traditional, Catalyst for the Modern Textile Arts of Finland: Lecture in Honor of the Ryijy Exhibit at the American Swedish Institute
Eeva Pinomaa

The Ecology of Moose in the Forests of Lake Superior and Northern Scandinavia
Professor John Pastor

Knowing the Wolf's Every Name: Decolonizing the Sámi Wolf
Tim Frandy

Speaking for Finland: The Transition of Swedish from its Position as the Language of Finland's People of Influence to its Position as the Language of Specific Finnish Regions and Groups of People
Börje Vähämäki

Finland's Public Education Achievements and Their Future in a Multi-cultural World Both in Finland and Across the Globe
Government of Finland, Minister of Education Krista Kiuru

The Good, the Tasty, and the Ugly: Lawyers of the Northern Waters
Dr Yvonne R Lockwood and Dr William Lockwood

Anniversary of Sampo: The Magic Mill: A Publishing Breakthrough for Finnish American Literature. The Power of Having Writing Colleges: A Discussion
Panelists: Sheila Packa, Kristen Dircking and Diane Jarvi

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10:30 AM

Finnish Rock Music Scene: A Discussion

Moderator: Dan Truckey

Panelists: Titus Hjelm and Kai Latvalehto

Finland: Designed Environments: A Guide to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts' Exhibit

Jennifer Komar Olivarez

Are Birds in Minnesota and Finland Similar?

Dr. Gerald 'Jerry' Niemi

Sámi Culture in Contemporary Times

Ellen Marie Jensen

Swedish Speaking Finns: The North American Diaspora-Who, What Where?

Mika Roinila, PhD

Contemporary Immigration into Finland

Jouni Korkiasaari

Vahvat Naiset: Challenges for Women in 21st Century Leadership

Moderator: Diane Skomars

Panelists: Ritva Koukkui-Ronde, Krista Kiuru, Margaret Anderson Kelliher and Amy Hietapelto

Finnish American Writers and Publishing: The Current Situation and its Challenges in the Future

Beth Virtanen

12 PM

The Institute of Migration, Finland: Research and Documentation - 40 Years and Still Counting

Lilli Kojo

Mark Munger Presents his New Book

12:30 PM

Finnish Studies Outside of Finland: What is it Today? What Could it Be? Who is its Audience? What are its Main Challenges? Why Should We Care?

Moderator: Matti Jutila

Panelists: Titus Hjelm, Helena Halmari, Börje Vähämäki, Hilary Virtanen and Jim Leary

1:30 PM

Contemporary Finnish Classical Music: A Discussion

Craig Johnson, Katri Everma and Olli Kortekangas

The History of Wolves and Their Current Situation: Finland and North America

Gus Fenton

Risten Gaup and Maria Kvernmo <i>Sami Representatives from Norway speak about Sami traditions</i>
The Finns who Become Finland's Major Post 1950 Emigrants: The Finnish Immigrant Experience in Sweden after WWII <i>Kai Latvalehto</i>
Somali in Finland and Minnesota <i>Marko Kananen, PhD</i>
The Finnish Farm Revolt of the 1930's: What was it and Why Should We Still Be Interested in its History? <i>Professor William Pratt</i>
Using Finnish American History and Culture in Creative Fiction: Two American Authors Discuss Their Experience <i>Mark Munger and William Durban</i>

3 PM

Ollie Kortekangas & Sheila Packa: A Collaboration Between a Finnish Composer and a Finnish American Poet
Sami Knitting: An Illustrated Lecture <i>Laura Ricketts</i>
Finland Swedish Americans and Finnish Americans: The Experience of the Swedish Finn Society of Seattle, Washington <i>Syrene Forsman</i>
Finnish Americans and Personal "Progress": What Would Our Grandparents Think of the Finnish Diaspora Today? <i>Moderator: John Beck</i> <i>Panelists: Don Saari, others TBA</i>
Writing About Finns for a Young Adult Audience <i>William Durbin</i>

4 PM

A Reading from <u>Sampo: The Magic Mill</u>

Saturday, August 9th

9 AM

The Musical Works of Paul Karvonen <i>Russell Adrian</i>
Finland: Designers Working in the 21st Century <i>Teemu Suviala</i>
Seeing the Forest for the Trees: Birch Leaves, Reindeer and Ecological Worldview in Sámpi <i>Tim Frandy</i>

<p>Indigenous Peoples and Life in Minneapolis in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities <i>Sydney Beane</i></p>
<p>The Finnish Speaking Minority in Northern Sweden: Connections to US Finns <i>Professor Birger Winsa</i></p>
<p>21st Century Political Uses of Finland's World War II Experiences <i>Professor Matti Jutila</i></p>
<p>The Finnish Migration into North America: Prospectives from a Study of the Landscape Presence of Finnish Peoples <i>Arnold Alanen</i></p>
<p>The State of Contemporary Finnish Literature: Popular Fiction Literature versus Literary Fiction Writing <i>Jari Tervo and Jarkko Sipila</i></p>

10:30 AM

<p>Finnish American Folk Music in the 21st Century <i>Moderator: Professor James Leary</i> <i>Panelists: Sara Pajunen, Ralph Tuttila, Diane Jarvi and Kip Peltoniemi</i></p>
<p>Finland: Designed Environments: A Guide to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts' Exhibit <i>Jennifer Komar Olivarez</i></p>
<p>A Guided Tour of the Ryijy Exhibit at the American Swedish Institute <i>Siri Korhonen</i></p>
<p>Forests and Forestry: Finland and Minnesota <i>Jack Rajala</i></p>
<p>Minneapolis Middle School Students Encounter the Sami: A Video by Sanford Middle School Children in Mavis Mantila's Social Science Class <i>Introduced by Mavis Mantila</i> <i>Commentary by Dr. Bernadeia H Johnson, Minneapolis Schools Superintendent</i></p>
<p>Expatriate Parliament: What is it? How is it Assisting Both Finnish Citizens Living Abroad? How Could it Assist Descendants of Finnish Citizens Who Live in North America? A Discussion with the US Representative to the Speakers Council <i>Marita Cauthen</i></p>
<p>Migration from Northern Norway and Northern Finland: The Sami Perspectives <i>Kent Randell</i> <i>Respondents: Richard Tormanen and Greg Isola</i></p> <p>Crime Fiction Writing in Finland <i>Jarkko Sipila and Leena Lehtolainen</i></p>

12:00 PM

<p>DNA Test Kit Comparison -OR- Why Don't I Look Like My Parents? <i>Gus Fenton</i></p>

The Kalevala: An Introduction to a Landmark 19th Century Finnish Literary Work that Continues to Live in the 21st Century
Börje Vähämäki

12:30 PM

Cross-currents and Contemporary Issues Facing the Indigenous Sámi Peoples of Northern Europe, the Native American Community in the United States and American Finns

Moderator: Kent Randall

Panelists: TBA

Finnish American National Museum: A Town Hall Forum

Moderator: Yvonne Lockwood

1:30 PM

Kalevala and the Kantele, the Finnish National Instrument: Its Life and Value Since the 19th Century and its Place in the 21st Century

Professor Carl Rahkonen

Sustainability of the Forest: The Experience of Finland and Minnesota

Professor Al Ek

Finland's City Centres: Their Vitality in the 21st Century: Comparisons to the Minnesota and Upper Midwest

City of Kuopio Speaker

Lapland Beyond the Midnight Sun: Writing Fiction in 21st Century Finland

Jari Tervo

3 PM

Kantele Workshop

Jarvi and Jerry Luoma Henkel

The Myth and Science of the Northern Lights: From the Land of Santa Claus to Distant Exoplanets

Dr. Tommi Koskinen

Practicing Medicine in the Context of Personal Identity

Arne Vainio, MD

The Finns Who Become Finland's Major Post-1950 Emigrants: the Finnish Immigrant Experience in Sweden after WWII

Kai Latvalehto

Suomi Seura: What is it? How Can it Assist Both Finnish Citizens Living Abroad and Descendants of Finnish Citizens Living in North America?

Paula Selenius

Laatikko/Box: A Project About Immigration

Sara Pajunen

Translating Contemporary Finnish Literature for American Audiences
Helena Halmari, Dan Karvonen and others TBA

4 PM

The North American Sami Siida Biennial Business Meeting
Special fee: \$15

Sunday, August 10th

Sunday Church Services

Christ Church Lutheran: Eliel and Eero Saarinen Buildings on the National Registry of Historic Landmarks: A Guided Tour following the service
Olli Kortekangas sacred music featured during the church service; composer present at the service and the coffee hour following

As of yet undefined times for Sunday

- David Salmela on his New Architectural Work, a Sauna Built for the 21st Century
- The Myth and Science of the Northern Lights: From the Land of Santa Claus to Distant Exoplanets
Dr. Tommi Koskinen
- Standards of Care: Health, Illness and Healing in Pre-Enlightenment Fennoscandia
Andreas Ostenso
- Sustainability: The Question of Natural Resources
Peter Kakela
- Swedish Speaking Finns: The North American Diaspora-Who, What Where?
Mika Roinila, PhD
- The Finnish Speaking Minority in Northern Sweden: Connections to US Finns
Professor Birger Winsa
- Somali in Finland and Minnesota
Marko Kananen, PhD
- Traditional Finnish Food and Foodways
Moderator: Dr Yvonne R Lockwood
- "Called to the Table": Finnish Style Meals
Patrice Johnson

Sunday Foodie Events

- Pulla Baking Competition
Judge: Marlene Banttari
- Piirakka Cooking Demonstration
Minna Huovinen and Jaana Nystrom

All Weekend

Film: "Walking into the Unknown" 2009
Produced by Ivy Vainio and Featuring Dr Arne Vainio
65 minutes

Film: "Finnish Blood, Swedish Heart/Ingen riktig/Laulu Koti-ikävästä, 2013
Directed by Mika Ronkainen
90 minutes, Post Show discussion with Kai Latvalehto who, with his father is featured in the Documentary

Film: This Country was not Mine/Eihän tämä maa minun omani ollut
A film by Katriina Lilqvist, 2011
Introduction by Hilja Gronfors, Roma singer featured in the film
Q&A with Hilja Gronfors to follow showing
60 minutes

Film: *Children of Labor*, 1977
A film by Richard Boardman
55 minutes