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## Northern Masters: Evocative Concert Music of Europe's Northern Countries

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Tuesday, February 28, 2023 - 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET

### WK 3. SYLLABUS & WORKS

#### **FEB 28 Finland: lakes, forests and shore**

Finland's remote forested, lake-dotted landscapes have inspired centuries of legend and song, such as its national epic, the Kalevala. Works by such Finnish composers as Jean Sibelius, Robert Kajanus and Einojuhani Rautavaara draw many themes from these rich sources. We enjoy Sibelius' evocative "Pohjola's Daughter" and study the fearsome political history underpinning his "Finlandia." We also marvel at Rautavaara's astonishing "Cantus Arcticus" and discover the gorgeous works of Uno Klami, among other superb Finnish discoveries.

#### **Works explored, media used:**

MeNaiset Ensemble: "Viinarattihin rakastuin"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X5uiSExfErc>

Traditional Karelian singing

- Karoliina Kantelinen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3ZosDWMYKo>

Nuku Nuku - Ancient Finnish Lullaby

- Merja Soria

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFCixLn9qRw>

Traditional kantele

- Pauliina Syrjälä

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hseaRulytSs>

Reading from the Kalevala

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ajv2ceCiu\\_M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ajv2ceCiu_M)

Sibelius's Roots: An Interview with Pekka Kuusisto & Ilona Korhonen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vC6d9jXK5Aw>

Finnish Runo-Song: Pekka Kuusisto & Ilona Korhonen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EerHGf1DjzQ>

Jean Sibelius, 1865-1957, Violin Concerto, Op. 47, 1905

- Pekka Kuusisto, MDR Sinfonie & Kristjan Järvi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=edmaQxGk-24&t=730s>

Robert Kajanus, 1856-1933: *Aino*, symphonic poem for orchestra and male chorus, 1885

- Lahti Symphony Orchestra with the YL Male Voice Choir conducted by Osmo Vänskä

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Ako4uW6Dzo>

Jean Sibelius: *Pohjola's Daughter*, Op. 49, 1906

- Esa Pekka Salonen, Tonhalle Orchestra

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=61r\\_i-ZiIT4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=61r_i-ZiIT4)

Sibelius: Symphony no. 5, Op. 82, 1919

- Leif Segerstam, Helsinki Philharmonic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HuQPzT3NnT4>

Sibelius: *Valse Triste*, 1903

Toivo Kuula, 1883-1918: Piano Trio, Op. 7, 1908

- Kreetta-Julia Heikkilä, violin, Tuomas Lehto, cello and Roope Gröndahl, piano

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LfH1wxyVMfU>

Uuno Klami, 1900-1961: *Lemminkäinen's Adventures on the Isle of Saari*, 1934

- Lahti Symphony Orchestra, Osmo Vänskä.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9huz4N5oJal>

Klami: *Kalevala Suite*, Op. 23, 1933

- Turku Philharmonic Orchestra, Leif Segerstam

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRTRqoxvzsw&t=1144s>

Review: Cantus Arcticus--Rautavaara's Extraordinary Concerto for Birds!

- Dave Hurwitz

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Up9oq54rBZ8>

Einojuhani Rautavaara, 1928-2016: *Cantus Arcticus*, 1972

- NDR Youth Symphony Orchestra, Stefan Geiger

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qCtpGQWtgbQ>

Aulis Sallinen, 1935 - : *Sunrise Serenade*, Op. 63, 1989

- Hanna Juutilainen, Mats Rondin, conductor Okko Kamu, Finnish Chamber Orchestra

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UnaDzaPppEc>

Jaakko Kuusisto, 1974-2022: *Ice*, Act II Finale, 2019

- Finnish National Opera and Ballet

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3JhpN3Mrjp0>

Jean Sibelius (1865-1957): *Finlandia*, Op. 26, 1899

- Finlandia flashmob, Helsinki Central Station, 2012

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jaKko3VGAnY>

- Jukka-Pekka Saraste, Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra, 2011

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ppy3T4NAABI>