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 Members/Mitglieder: 730 (31.12.2005)

## EVENTS

### Turku:

- 24.1. prof Eero Tarasti's lecture on Wagner's Parsifal.
- 15.2. Henry Bacon showed Froelich's movie (video) "Richard Wagner" dated 1913.
- 8.3. prof. Hannu Salmi talked about Hans Jürgen Syberberg's film *Winifred Wagner und die Geschichte des Hauses Wahnfried*.
- 19.3. and 6.4. bus trip to the National Opera in Helsinki to see Wagner's Parsifal
- 21.4. lecture by Jukka von Boehm on "*Furtwängler and von Karajan as Wagner conductors*".
- 19.8. (afternoon) International Wagner seminar on The Flying Dutchman.
  - Speakers:
    - Eero Tarasti: Richard Wagner's Flying Dutchman in Opera Literature.
    - Hannu Salmi: Wagner on the Shores of the Baltic Sea, Conductor in Riga.
    - Loone Ots (Estonia): Wandering, Crime, Woman and Redemption: Wagner's Dutchman in Its Historical Context.
    - Torleif Haugland (Norway, Sandvika) Richard and Minna Wagner's visit to Sandvika.
    - Erkki Toivanen's interview with Matti Salminen and Heikki Toivanen (bass).
    - Matti Salminen was appointed honorary member of our society.
- 19.8. evening performance of the opera The Flying Dutchman at Aura river in Turku
- 20.8. Mr. Eero Heinonen's piano recital - Wagner
- 27.9. on video Den Jyske Opera's Das Rheingold
- 28.11. Tero-Pekka Henell and Carmela Wager talked about the production and creating of The Flying Dutchman in Turku.
- 13.12. Robert Storm played excerpts and talked about different "non typical" Wagner singers: Placido Domingo, Aino Ackte, Mario del Monaco, Andrea Bocelli, George Shirley, Grace Bumbry, Julius Patzak, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, Jussi Björling, Boris Christoff, Ivan Kozlovski, Mark Reizen, Joan Sutherland and Maria Callas.

### Helsinki:

- 21.1. Juha Hemanus told us about his direction of Savonlinna Tannhäuser (with video excerpts)
- 1.3. Matti Lehtonen spoke about Parsifal
- 29.3.-7.4. the Syberberg movie week in Helsinki
- 6.4. the Society met Erkki Korhonen, chief of the National Opera and gave a cheque for coming Wagner productions
- 3.5. Pekka Asikainen talked about the book he is writing about Parsifal

- 6.5. Concert held in honour of Anita Vätkki and her 50 years on stage, the conductor was Leif Segerstam
- 19.-21.8. A trip to Turku for The Flying Dutchman with seminar and concert
- 29.9. lecture by Jukka von Boehm on “*Furtwängler and von Karajan as Wagner conductors*”.
- 18.10 the guest of the evening was Raimo Sirkiä (tenor) who told about his career as a singer
- 29.11. lecture by Jack Leo on the most famous Wotans.

## OPERA TOURS

- 19.3. and 6.4. bus trip from Turku to National Opera in Helsinki (Parsifal).
- Bayreuth, 29.7.- 2.8. The Flying Dutchman, Parsifal and Tristan und Isolde.
- 19.8. The Flying Dutchman in Turku

## RWVI CONGRESS IN LEIPZIG 4.-8.5.2005,

Our representatives at the congress were Ms Riitta-Eliisa Laine (deputy chairman) and Mr. Heikki J. Eskelinen (member of the board.).

## SCHOLARSHIP

Bayreuth Scholarship 2005 including tickets 9.-12.8 Lohengrin, Parsifal and Tristan und Isolde was awarded to Mr Petrus Schroderus (tenor)

## PUBLICATIONS & BOOKS

Our members' magazine *Wagneriaani* (The Wagnerian) numbers 25 and 26 were distributed to all members and many international friends. You can find the web version on: <http://www.suomenwagnerseura.org/wagneriaani/index.html>. Along with articles in Finnish there were also articles in English, German and Swedish. Subscriptions 22 €/year.

## HONORARY MEMBERS & HONORARY CHAIRMAN

### Honorary Members

Ms. Anne Evans	(Soprano)	1997
Mr. Frank Shipway	(Conductor)	1997
Mr. Jorma Hynninen	(Baritone)	1998
Herr Wolfgang Wagner	(Festival Director)	1998
Mr. Peter Bassett	(Author)	2000
Mrs. Cecilia Rydinger-Alin	(Conductor)	2001
Mr. Pentti Perksalo	(Tenor)	2001
Ms. Saila Luoma	(Author)	2003
Ms. Anita Vätkki	(Sopran)	2004
Mr Matti Salminen	(Bass)	2005

### Honorary Chairman

Mr. Uolevi Karrakoski (the founder of our Society) 2001.