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 Members/Mitglieder: 760 (31.12.2007)

EVENTS

Turku:

2.3. Wagner concert in Turku Concert House by the Turku Philharmonic Orchestra. Afterwards dinner at Park Hotel with conductor Mr. Petri Sakari, and singers Roman Sadnik, tenor & Gudjón Oskarsson, basso and members of our Society.

27.3. Hans-Jürgen Syberberg's film version on DVD of Parsifal, part one.

3.4. Part two of Hans-Jürgen Syberberg's Parsifal

24.4. Mr. Jack Leo told us about the 10 most famous singers of the Ring on record.

19.9. We had a guided tour to the ships "Suomen Joutsen" and "Sigyn" at Forum Marinum. These ships were used in the Turku Flying Dutchman in 2005. Mr Tero-Pekka Henell and Carmela Wager remembered and told about details from the production.

22.10. Mr. Pasi Pihlaja French horn player in Tapiola Sinfonietta told us about Wagner and the wagner tuba and other horns.

6.11. Mr. Robert Storm told us about such historical figures in Wagner's operas as Hans Sachs and Tannhäuser.

Helsinki:

25.1. Mr. Robert Storm told us about Claude Debussy.

13.2. The society's annual meeting. Afterwards a video of the Society's 15 Year Anniversary in October 2006.

17.4. Mr. Martti-Tapio Kuuskoski told us about Hans-Jürgen Syberberg and his films.

26.9. Mr. Pekka Asikainen about Wagner as composer of choir music.

10.10. The Finnish Horn Player Club (Suomen käyrätorviklubi) had a Wagner concert in Espoo.

30.11 Sibelius Academy professors Petteri Salomaa and Mr. Markus Lehtinen told us about teaching the singers. Traditional Glühwein was served to mark the beginning of Christmas season.

OPERA TOURS

9. – 14.8. 15 members visited Bayreuth

13.-16.8. Nicholas Söderlund visited Bayreuth as the holder of our scholarship along with our chairman Mr Heikki Virri and one of our members.

SCHOLARSHIP

In 2007 the Bayreuth Scholarship included tickets to Parsifal, Tannhäuser and Meistersinger was awarded to Mr Nicholas Söderlund (tenor)

PUBLICATIONS & BOOKS

Issues 29 and 30 of *Wagneriaani* (The Wagnerian) numbers, our members' magazine, were distributed to all members and many international friends. You can find the web version at <http://www.suomenwagnerseura.org/wagneriaani/index.html>. Along with articles in Finnish there were also articles in English and German. Subscriptions 25 € /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. Anita Vätkki	(Sopran)	2004
Mr Matti Salminen	(Bass)	2005

Honorary Chairman

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