



SUOMEN WAGNER-SEURA ry  
 THE FINNISH WAGNER SOCIETY  
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 Turku & Helsinki  
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 Members/Mitglieder: 766 (31.12.2008)

## EVENTS

### Turku:

27.1. Pekka Asikainen told us about Wagner as a choral composer.  
 18.3. The Baden Baden Parsifal on DVD, part one.  
 20.3. Part two of Parsifal.

24.9. Robert Storm's basic lecture on Richard Wagner.  
 21.10. Martti Parkkari's lecture on Anton Bruckner.

### Helsinki:

29.1. Antti Vihinen's lecture about Bayreuth's leaders after Wagners death  
 12.2. The society's annual meeting.  
 6.3. Tenor Heikki Siukola told about his career  
 29.4. Robert Storm's lecture about Wagner and Italy  
  
 16.9. Outi Kähkönen's lecture about educating a Wagner singer  
 16.10. Tarmo Kunnas lecture about Nietzsche's and Wagner's relationship  
 2.12. Conductor Mikko Franck told about his career and Finnish National Opera's future perspectives

## OPERA TOURS

1. – 8.5. 14 members took part in the international Richard Wagner Congress in Geneva. They also visited Tribschen, Villa Wesendonck and Asyl . They saw Lohengrin at Grand Théâtre de Genève and Boris Godunov in Zürich.

24. – 25.5. 137 members saw *Tristan und Isolde* at Estonia Theater in Tallinn.

16. – 18.8. 20 members visited Bayreuth. They saw *Parsifal* 16.8, *Tristan* 18.8 ja *Meistersinger* 19.8.

4.-6.8. Mr Kalle Kuusava visited Bayreuth as the holder of our scholarship along with our chairman Mr. Heikki Virri and Mr Pasi Pihlaja.

## SCHOLARSHIP

In 2008 the Bayreuth Scholarship included tickets to *Parsifal*, *Tristan* and *Meistersinger* was awarded to Mr. Kalle Kuusava.

## PUBLICATIONS & BOOKS

Issues 31 and 32 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 27 € /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
Mr. Heikki Siukola	(Tenor)	2008
Mr. Eero Tarasti	(Professor of Musicology)	2008

### Honorary Chairman

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