

The Finnish Wagner Society: Annual Report 2010

Members/Mitglieder 31.12.2010: 519 members of which 364 are "individual members" and 155 are "family members" (i.e. one (1) main individual member + wife/husband/child living at the same address) + 11 honorary members.

Events

Turku:

26.1. Professor Hannu Salmi gave a talk on "Wartburg and the Venusberg: Richard Wagner's Tannhäuser".

2.3. The Composer Martti Parkkari gave a talk on Lohengrin.

30.9. Information about Metropolitan Opera's HD Season, especially The Ring and the technology used in the live transmission.

Helsinki:

16.2. Professor Hannu Riikonen's talk on early reviews of Lohengrin, Tannhäuser and the performances of these operas in Helsinki.

12.4. Professor emeritus Pekka Salomaa's personal reminiscences of the Bayreuth Youth Festival and the Opera Festival in the early 1960s.

21.9. Mr Kari Lampikoski interviewed the opera singer Jaakko Ryhänen

11.10. Docent Pentti Paavolainen's talk on Kaarlo Bergbom, the founder of the Finnish Opera and his relationship to Richard Wagner's operas.

5.11. Professor Tomi Mäkelä's talk on composer Fredrik Pacius and Wagner.

Imatra:

12.-13.6. "Wagner and His Symbols", an international symposium held at Imatra by the International Semiotics Institute in association with the Finnish Wagner Society.

Opera Tours

14.3. Tampere Hall, Lohengrin

26. - 28.3. Oslo new Opera House, Tannhäuser

8. - 13.8. 20 members visited Bayreuth Festival and saw the Ring.

Scholarship

In 2010 the Bayreuth Scholarship included tickets to Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg, Lohengrin and Parsifal.

Ms. Pauliina Linnosaari (sopr) visited Bayreuth as the holder of our scholarship along with our chairman Mr. Heikki Virri and professor Anne Sivuoja-Gunaratnam.

International Wagner Congress

At the congress in Stralsund 13.-16.5.2010 our deputy chairman Ms Riitta-Liisa Mäkipaasi represented our society.

Publications & Books

Issues 35 and 36 of Wagneriaani (The Wagnerian), 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 Swedish, English and German. The editor of the magazine is Robert Storm. Subscriptions 27 €/year.

Honorary Members & Honorary Chairman

Honorary Members

Ms. Anne Evans (Soprano) 1997
Mr. Frank Shipway (Conductor) 1997
Mr. Jorma Hynninen (Baritone) 1998
Mr. Peter Bassett (Author) 2000
Mrs. Cecilia Rydinger-Alin (Conductor) 2001
Mr. Pentti Perksalo (Tenor) 2001
Mr. Matti Salminen (Bass) 2005
Mr. Heikki Siukola (Tenor) 2008

Suomen Wagner-seuran hallitus pitämässä kokousta ennen vuoden 2010 joulujuhlaa: (vas. edestä taakse) Peter Häggblom, Anne Sivuoja, Riitta-Liisa Mäkipaasi, (oik. takaa eteen) Heikki Virri, Matti Luukkainen, Robert Storm ja Martti Parkkari. Kuvasta puuttuvat Pasi P. Pihlaja ja Kati Lemola.

The executive committee of the Finnish Wagner Society had a meeting before the Christmas Party in 2010. On the left, from front to back: Peter Häggblom, Anne Sivuoja, Riitta-Liisa Mäkipaasi. On the right from back to front: Heikki Virri, Matti Luukkainen, Robert Storm and Martti Parkkari. Pasi P. Pihlaja and Kati Lemola are not in the photo.