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The Chelsea Music Festival Announces 2015 Summer Festival, This Year Celebrating Finland and Hungary

a “gem of a series” - *The New York Times*

“Music, art and good food are an integral part to this inventive new festival” - *The New Yorker*

“... impressive addition to New York’s cultural ecosystem” - *Time Out New York*

New York – March 20, 2015 – The 2015 Chelsea Music Festival will celebrate Finland and Hungary with its annual edition of innovative programming that features leading artists in the performing, visual and culinary arts. From **June 12-20, 2015** in New York City, over two dozen events will take place in a wide range of venues throughout Manhattan. Program highlights will include reflections and collaborations on the life and music of Jean Sibelius, who celebrates his 150th birthday, as well as the music of Bartók, Kodaly, Rautavaara and Bach. The Festival will once again present world and New York premieres, original Jazz arrangements, as well as evening and late-night expeditions that will complete a portrait of Finland and Hungary's past and present.

Events include evening concerts with music ranging from baroque to Jazz, Saturday morning Family Events that give children a chance to *hear | taste | see* Finland and Hungary, Late Night events and daytime Open-Air events that will feature Finnish Tango and Hungarian Dances.

- **Avanti!** | Ensemble-in-Residence (Finland)
- **Ilari Kaila** | Composer-in-Residence (Finland)
- **Sami Tallberg & Carl Frederiksen** | Culinary Artists-in-Residence (Finland & Denmark)
- **Rachel Mica Weiss** | Visual Artist-in-Residence (USA)

As in seasons past, the Festival has assembled a noteworthy roster of over 75 artists, including 2015 Festival Ensemble-in-Residence **Avanti!** from Finland and leading contemporary Finnish composers such as **Ilari Kaila** and **Uljas Pulkkis**; the **Tapiola Chamber Choir**; the stage play **Sibelius & Ida** in its U.S. premiere; the jazz ensemble **Tuomo Uusitalo Trio**; Hungarian/Canadian composer **Kati Agocs** and ensembles including the **Loop Doctors** and the **Göz-Kurtág-Phillips Trio**. Star chefs from Finland, Hungary and Denmark including **Carl Frederiksen** and **Sami Tallberg** will surprise the audience with their special culinary creations honoring the

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150th anniversaries of Nielsen and Sibelius. Installation artist and sculptor, **Rachel Mica Weiss**, will create a site-specific work inspired by this year's Festival musical programming.

2015 Chelsea Music Festival Official Venue Partners

Canoe Studios | 601 West 26th Street
Finnish Lutheran Church | 81 Christopher Street
34th Street Partnership | Herald Square | Broadway and 34th Street
Leo Baeck Institute | 15 West 16th Street
Norwood Club | 241 W 14th Street
Scandinavia House | 58 Park Avenue
St. Paul's German Evangelical Lutheran Church | 315 West 22nd Street

2015 Festival Partners

Anne-Sophie Mutter Foundation; BMW North America (Official Vehicle of the 2015 Chelsea Music Festival); Consulate General of Finland in New York; German Consulate General of New York; Consulate General of Hungary in New York; CEO Roundtable of German-American Companies; DreamAir; Fujifilm Recording Media U.S.A.; JB Prince; Manhattan School of Music; New York City Department of Cultural Affairs; Radeberger Pilsner; Steinway & Sons New York; Tanglewood, Home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra; Tekserve; Thompson Family Foundation; Uprise Art; WQXR

The 2015 Chelsea Music Festival thanks the Hungarian Cultural Center / Balassi Institute of New York for co-presenting three ensembles from Hungary.

TICKETS

- Tickets will be available on May 1, 2015 at www.chelseamusicfestival.org
- For group sales and benefits, please contact info@chelseamusicfestival.org
- Students and Under 30s / Seniors Discounts available. Must show Student / Senior ID at door
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ABOUT THE CHELSEA MUSIC FESTIVAL

Hailed by *The New York Times* as a “gem of a series,” the Chelsea Music Festival exists to celebrate great music by bringing together world-leading musicians and exciting newcomers to the international stage. Inspired by its Chelsea roots, the Festival seeks to reflect the creativity gathered in one of New York City's most dynamic neighborhoods by presenting site-specific programs that span musical genres ranging from classical to contemporary to jazz. With an emphasis on Festival-commissioned works, community outreach and education, the Festival also exists to create a gateway to music through the exploration and interplay of art forms - specifically the musical, visual and culinary - alongside an intimate and thrilling Festival experience shared by artists and concertgoers alike.

The Chelsea Music Festival Artistic Directors are Melinda Lee Masur and Ken-David Masur.

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