



# Finlandia Foundation – Boston Newsletter

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## Message from Our President Linda Ilona Lindell

Welcome back to our Finlandia Foundation Boston Chapter. I hope that you all had a great summer and perhaps even had a chance to visit Finland.

One of our Board members, Ilona Jokinen, moved back to Finland in July along with her husband and three sons. We appreciate Ilona's many contributions to our chapter, which include her service as Program Chair and her solo performances during some of our events. We will miss her, but she has promised to come back for a visit in the spring.

Autumn will be arriving soon and we are in the process of planning some interesting programs for the coming year. Our first event for this fall takes place at the Scandinavian Living Center on Sunday September 22 and features a violin solo recital by violinist Rachel Lee Priday. The concert will honor Past President, Dr. Leena Peck, who was a dear friend and a generous supporter of our chapter. You can sign up for this event by emailing us at [FinlandiaBoston@gmail.com](mailto:FinlandiaBoston@gmail.com). The event is free but donations are welcome.

All music lovers, note that the Finnish conductor Susanna Mälkki will return to the Boston Symphony for a program of French music on Friday, October 25. This will also be the American premiere of Swiss composer Dieter Ammann's new work for piano and orchestra, written for Swiss pianist Andreas Haefliger.

Did you know that one of the most famous of all attractions in Finland are the Northern Lights, also known as Aurora Borealis? Many people go to Finland just to see the Northern Lights. The Lights can be spotted from different locations in Finland but the best chance of seeing them is in Lapland. The Northern Lights are caused by the glow of particles from the sun as they enter the atmosphere of the earth and can only be seen around the North and South Poles. If you are planning a trip to see the Northern Lights, you may want to get started now since the best time to see them is between September and March. Here is a video for inspiration:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izPcb8etlKU>

I wish you all a Happy Autumn! And I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

- Linda Ilona Lindell

## Directions to Scandinavian Cultural Center

### 206 Waltham Street, Newton, MA:

From 128 take Exit 21 / Route 16 East. Stay on it for 1.5 mi. After the overpass of the Mass Pike, take left at the 1st light onto Cherry St, then take the 1st right onto Webster St. At the end of Webster, turn left onto Waltham St. and stay on it for ¼ mi.

## Cultural Program for September

Violin Concert featuring Rachel Lee Priday  
Sunday, September 22 at 3:00 pm  
Scandinavian Cultural Center

Our first event for this fall will be a solo concert featuring nationally known violinist Rachel Lee Priday. Her impressive credentials are summarized below. The program will include pieces by Nielsen, Bach, Salonen, and Saariaho.



The concert will honor, remember, and celebrate our longtime member, board member, President, Suomi-koulu treasurer and benefactor Dr. Leena Peck. Dr. Peck was an orthodontics professor and art collector, but she also had a deep love and understanding of music. You could see her in the front row in all our concerts as well as on her regular seat in the Symphony Hall. Dr. Leena Peck was 73 when she died January 13, 2019 in Terhokoti Hospice in Helsinki Finland. We all miss her!

### About the artist:

Violinist RACHEL LEE PRIDAY (PRY-day), acclaimed for her beauty of tone, riveting stage presence, and "irresistible panache" (Chicago Tribune), has appeared as soloist with major international orchestras, including the Chicago, St. Louis, Houston, Seattle, and National Symphony orchestras, the Boston Pops, and the Berlin Staatskapelle. Critics have praised her "dazzling, forceful technique," "rich, mellifluous sound," and "silvery fluidity." Combining a fierce intelligence with an imaginative curiosity, her wide-ranging repertoire and eclectic programming reflect a deep fascination with literary and cultural narratives, as an artist who seeks contemporary resonances with the masterworks of the past.

**Nordic Marketplace (TORI) and Classic Car Cruise at Saima Park on September 15**

The annual "Tori" (marketplace) and Classic Car Cruise will take place from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15, at the Finnish Center at Saima Park, 67 Scott Road, Fitchburg. Vendors will sell Nordic wares, crafts, baked goods, books, music, and more! Classic car fans can vote for their favorite entry, and there will be a prize for the winner; along with raffles. Lunch foods and beverages along with arctic berry sundaes and Finnish coffee bread will be for sale. Music will be provided by Arthur Richard of the Central Mass Accordion Club. It will be fun! Also, please note that Finlandia Foundation Boston will have a Table at the Tori to raise money for its Scholarship funds.

**Scholarship Opportunities**

Applications for the following scholarships are now accepted for 2020:

**Savele Syrjala Journalism Scholarship**

For a student of Finnish-American heritage studying in the field of Journalism or Communications.

**Aina Swan Cutler Music Scholarship**

For a student of Finnish-American heritage studying music (excluding hard rock and electronic music).

For more information or an application for the journalism or music scholarship, please contact:

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**Lauri Armas Lindell Architectural Scholarship**

For a student of Finnish-American heritage studying architecture in the United States or Finland. For more information or an application, please contact:

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**Membership Information. Please join us!**

The annual membership fee, which runs by the calendar year, is \$30 for families, \$20 for individuals and \$10 for senior members. Please renew your membership by sending a check to:

FINLANDIA FOUNDATION – BOSTON  
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Tax-deductible donations are also welcome and much appreciated! These go a long way towards keeping our programs going.

**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

Our first cultural event for this fall will be a violin concert on Sunday, September 22 at 3:00 PM.

**Suomi-koulu** meets at the Waldorf School in Lexington, MA, on the following Saturdays, 10am-12 noon:

- September 7 (sign-up & Family Fun Day)
- September 21
- October 12 and 19
- November 2, 16, and 23
- December 14
- December 21 – Joulujuhla (Christmas Celebration)

Information about upcoming events organized by the **Finnish Center at Saima Park** can be found on their website at <https://www.saima-park.org/>.

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