

The Society of Finnish Composers awards Madetoja Prize to soprano Anu Korsi

The Society of Finnish Composers, celebrating its 75th anniversary, has awarded their Madetoja prize to singer Anu Korsi.

As a performer and supporter of Finnish contemporary music, the contribution of coloratura soprano Anu Korsi is exceptional. She has commissioned and premiered numerous new compositions of Finnish composers. During her extensive and international career Korsi has worked with several globally acting conductors and leading orchestras as well as recorded a large amount of new repertoire.

“Anu Korsi’s co-operation with Finnish composers is extremely admirable and of high quality. Her excellent recordings, concert performances and her unique work as a supporter and performer of new Finnish operas really deserve praise and attention”, says Mr. Antti Auvinen, the chairman of the board in the Society of Finnish Composers.

The Madetoja Prize has been awarded since 1988 to a person or an actor, who has remarkably contributed to the creative musical arts in Finland. The prize is a sculpture designed by sculptor Matti Koskela and the award decision is made by the board of the Society of the Finnish Composers.

All Madetoja prize winners:

- Liisa Pohjola (1988)
- Paavo Rautio (1989)
- Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra (1990)
- Mikael Helasvuo (1992)
- Ulf Söderblom (1993)
- Finnish Radio Chamber Choir, currently Helsinki Chamber Choir (1995)
- Juha Kangas and Ostrobothnian Chamber Orcestra (1998)
- Sinfonia Lahti (2000)
- Jorma Hynninen (2003)
- Seppo Kimanen (2005)
- Pekka Hako (2007)
- Susanna Mälkki (2015)
- Anu Korsi (2020)

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Suomen Säveltäjät ry (The Society of Finnish Composers), founded 1945, is a non-profit organisation whose members are composers in the field of concert music, or classical music. The purpose of the Society is to provide a community for its members located around the country, to safeguard and promote the artistic, professional and financial interests of composers, and to contribute to the creative musical arts in Finland.

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