

Finnish Accent

Your newsletter regarding all things Finnish in the U.S.
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SUOMI FINLAND IS 100 YEARS OLD!

As we celebrate Finland's milestone birthday this year, we have invited **Ameriikan Poijat**, a popular 7-member brass band from Minneapolis, MN to perform in **Itamat** at the American Swedish Historical Museum in Philadelphia on Saturday, December 9 at 7pm and entertain us with familiar Finnish songs, dance tunes and concert pieces. Since the event is also a fundraiser for FASDV, we hope to get a full house, so bring your family and friends along! Our traditional *Pikkujoulu*, Pre-Christmas party, will precede the concert at 4pm with *Joulupukki* and *Joulumuori* bringing holiday cheer to all...



AS WE CELEBRATE FINLAND 100, IT IS A PERFECT TIME TO RENEW OR START A FASDV MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018! GO TO fasdv.org FOR QUICK AND EASY RENEWAL OR TO BECOME A NEW MEMBER! MEMBERSHIP IS ONLY \$20/INDIVIDUAL, \$25/FAMILY.

Got Finnish related news you'd like to see in the next issue of the Finnish Accent? Email mjkaisla@yahoo.com

GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THIS EVENT NOW!

(As of writing this, we are still working on including a *joulukirkko* service at ASHM at 3pm.)

Antti Vänskä, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Finland will be the guest of honor, and champagne and wine reception will follow the concert!

- ▲ Tickets for this FASDV fundraising event are \$20 and are available at the fasdv.org and newswedenalliance.org websites (\$25 at the door)
- ▲ Pikkujoulu tickets are at the usual price of \$15 (please bring a holiday dish to share; FASDV will provide ham and fixings).
- ▲ Pikkujoulu plus concert is only \$30 pp - kids under 15 free.

This keynote event to celebrate Finland100 in the the Delaware Valley will be held at ASHM at 1900 Pattison Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19145 in collaboration between the Finnish-American Society of the the Delaware Valley FASDV and New Sweden Alliance NSA. For any information regarding this event, contact Marja Kaisla at mjkaisla@yahoo.com.

Hockey Night is back! Tuesday, February 13

Come and join us in hockey excitement on
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 7 pm,

when the Philadelphia Flyers will play against the New Jersey Devils. Our FASDV member and hockey expert Jukka Kervinen has organized a post game meet-and-greet with Finnish Flyers **Valtteri Vilppula** and **Jori Lehterä** for pictures and autographs. Please reserve your electronic tickets on the link below. Please act

quickly since we have only 50 tickets in the portal, and it's guaranteed that these tickets will go fast! For any questions, please contact Ilkka Kortesuoma at 215-952-5742 at the Flyers office or Jukka Kervinen at 484-995-3472 (jskervinen@gmail.com).

Link to tickets: <https://groupmatics.events/event/Finnishnight>

RAP TRIBUTE TO FINLAND100 BY FINNISH KIDS



https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10155101838066463&id=48859861462&_rdr

4th and 6th graders at *Kimpisen koulu* (Kimpinen School) in Finland did a rap tribute to Finland100. A young musician Joel Puranen wrote the song and lyrics, and it is a must see! While the video is done in the good old American rap video style, it is very cute and innocent compared to any "hard core" American rap, since the words are respectful towards our country and to the kids themselves. It's very uplifting to see young generation loving their homeland!

FROM THE FINNISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

So far the Finnish Embassy has published 85 video greetings by famous Finnish-Americans and friends of Finland on its social media sites. You can see all of them on their YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZHuiP6YGXcY&list=PLtZZa-Qh6OvA6BYaKddgnEf4L-jAOUhD1>

The Finnish Embassy publishes a 12-part "Centennial Story of Finland" on its social media sites. In part 11 they cover the years 2007-2017 and analyze how Finland has succeeded in the globalized world. <http://www.finland.org/public/default.aspx?contentid=368475&nodeid=35833&culture=en-US>

President Sauli Niinistö wishes Finnish expatriate and people of Finnish heritage a very happy centennial year:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gi1pvWWhxlw&feature=youtu.be>

The Finland100 mascot, Traveling Sauna, has been zigzagging the US this year, and now it's time to auction the sauna off! To make your bid (starting at \$25K), go to <http://www.travelingsauna.com/auction.html>

Finland100 centennial events are listed at

<http://www.finland100usa.com/calendar.html>

and updated through the end of the year, so visit the link often!



Two Finland100 Events Brought Many Friends of Finland Together on November 11

Accordionist Brent Buswell Delighted Cokesbury Audience

Blind accordionist **Brent Buswell** and his wife **Crista** won the hearts of an enthusiastic audience at the Cokesbury Village Retirement Community by performing familiar Finnish accordion tunes made famous by such legendary Finnish accordionists such as Veikko Ahvenainen and Viljo Vesterinen. In collaboration with DVFA's **Roy and Barbara Palo**, FASDV members **Earl and Sylvia Seppälä** had brought Brent and Crista to the Delaware Valley to perform this concert as a tribute to Finland100.



Brent and Crista Buswell performing at Cokesbury

BE SURE TO WATCH THE PECO LIGHTS ON MARKET STREET, PHILADELPHIA ON AND AROUND DECEMBER 6, WHEN PECO ACKNOWLEDGES FINLAND100 IN THE MARQUEE ON TOP OF THEIR BUILDING!!



"Who Wore What When" Fashion Show Brought Many Generations Together

Brainchild of **Aleasa Hogate**, Education Director of the New Sweden Centre and recipient of the FASDV 2016 Citation of Recognition, "Who Wore What When" fashion show exhibited typical costumes in the Delaware Valley from 1638 until the early 1900's worn by Native Americans, Swedes, Finns and the Dutch from all walks of life, hunters to priests, soldiers to farmers. The afternoon included sampling of period foods, such as maize and berry bannock, piscataway berry pudding and tockwogh herbal tea. The show was held at the Hagley Soda House, which is part of the expansive Hagley Museum and Library in Wilmington, DE. Kudos to Aleasa and her crew for a job well done!



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