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## **Centenary Concert: Finland Celebrated in Music**

**Saturday, 22 April 2017 7 PM**

**St Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
Wellington & Kent  
Ottawa, Ontario**

# Biographies

## Emili Paananen-Losier, soprano

Finnish-Canadian soprano Emili Paananen-Losier's *'lyric voice mirrors her stage presence; extremely sweet and natural. She is a nature's child... touching the heart from beginning to end'* (Cecelia Oines, Amfion.fi). In 2013 Ms. Losier was televised worldwide during the **Lappeenranta Singing Competition** in Finland, where she took second prize in the finals. Earlier, Emili met and worked intensively with famous Canadians *Tom Diamond, Michael McMahon, Mary Lou Fallis* and *Gary Relyea* among others, on the award winning television broadcast opera competition **' Bathroom Divas, so you want to be an opera singer?'**



She has performed many roles while studying opera at the Sibelius Academy in Finland where she received her first Masters Degree: including Pamina (**Die Zauberflöte/Mozart**), Musetta (**La Boheme/Puccini**), Susanna and Cherubino (**Le Nozze di Figaro/Mozart**), Zima (**Les indes galantes/Rameau**), the Foreign Woman (**The Consul/Menotti**), and Adele (**Die Fledermaus/Strauss II**). She debuted at the Savlonlinna Opera Festival in 2012 as the Nun (**La Fenice/Hakola**). She has performed orchestral works across Canada and Finland such as Mozart's **Exsultate, jubilate** with *The Fraser Valley Philharmonic Society* in B.C. and *Händel's Messiah* under the baton of the *BBC symphony orchestra's chief conductor Sakari Oramo* with the *Ostrobothnian Chamber Orchestra*. She is currently studying with *Christiane Riel* at the University of Ottawa while pursuing a second Master Degree in Music.

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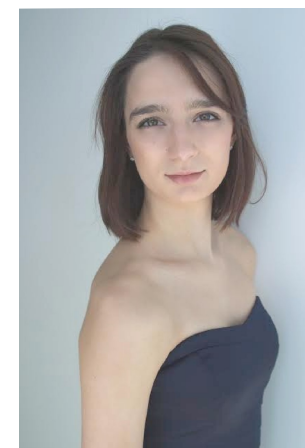
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## Thomas Annand, organist

Thomas is a master of three instruments (organ, piano, harpsichord), as well as a conductor. He is Director of Music at St Andrew's Church, Ottawa and often performs with the National Arts Centre Orchestra as an organist and harpsichordist.

## Aude Urbancic, pianist

Pianist Aude Urbancic is currently completing her **Master's Degree in Piano Performance** under Professor David Jalbert at the University of Ottawa. She has played in many solo and collaborative master classes including ones for Michael Kim, James Parker, Janina Fialkowska, Maneli Pirzadeh and David Lutz. In 2015 Aude represented New Brunswick at the **CFMTA national piano competition** in Vancouver, after winning the provincial round. That summer she also toured the Maritimes for her second time, performing



solo works of Prokofiev and Chopin. Aude has a particular passion for collaborative work, especially choral music. She is the rehearsal pianist for three local choirs: Calixa-Lavallée Choir, the Ewashko Singers and the Ottawa Regional Youth Choir. She regularly performs around the Ottawa Region with these choirs. Most recently she played Brahms' **Ein Deutsches Requiem** for Remembrance Day at the St. Joseph Parish and Sanctuary, and in Chamberfest 2016 she played for the **Mozart Bash Gala Concert** with the Ewashko Singers, alongside Gryphon Trio and Janina Fialkowska. Ms. Urbancic graduated with a Bachelor of Music from Mount Allison University where she studied with Professor Stephen Runge. In the future, Aude will continue her studies by specializing in Collaborative Piano at the University of Montreal.

# Programme

**Master of Ceremonies, Simon Snow**

**Organ Solo, Thomas Annand**

*Finlandia by Jean Sibelius*

**Ambassador to Canada, Vesa Lehtonen**

*100th Anniversary: the Independence of Finland*

**Emili Paananen-Losier, soprano**

**Aude Urbancic, pianist**

Väinö Hannikainen: *Miksi laulat lintuseni*

Erkki Melartin: *Ainon aaria from Aino*

Leevi Madetoja: *Luulit katselin sua*

Aarre Merikanto: *Bönen*

Oskar Merikanto:

*Pai pai paitaressu*

*Omenankukat*

*Kevätlinnuille etelässä*

*Kun päivä paistaa*

**Piano Solo, Aude Urbancic**

*Barcarolle by Peter Tchaikovsky*

**Emili Paananen-Losier, soprano**

**Aude Urbancic, pianist**

Jean Sibelius:

*Säv säv susa*

*Den första kyssen*

*Flickan kom ifrån sin älsklings möte*

Three Arias:

*Deh vieni non tardar* from Mariage of Figaro  
by Mozart

*O mio Babbino caro* from Gianni Schicchi  
by Puccini

*Quando m'en vo* from La Boheme by Puccini

*Refreshments will be available in  
the church hall following the programme.*