



Finlandia Foundation® National

Inspiring, celebrating and connecting the Finnish-American community since 1953



A Cultural Handshake Across the Sea Since 1953



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Finlandia Foundation National (FFN) is the most important private source of support for Finnish and Finnish-American culture in the United States.

We were founded in 1953 in Pasadena, California by nine Finnish-Americans who wanted to encourage preservation of homeland traditions in the U.S. and “unite all Finland Friends in this country.”

FFN was established as a non-profit, philanthropic foundation to support cultural and educational programs, cultivate closer relations between Finland and the U.S., and strengthen the bonds of friendship among Finnish-Americans and others interested in our culture and heritage.

Finlandia Foundation is a cultural handshake across the sea and a living memorial in America. We provide grants, scholarships and programs designed to enrich the Finnish-American experience. Our membership is open to all friends of Finland.

A Board of Trustees administers FFN programs. Trustees serve three-year terms and the board meets twice yearly to conduct FFN business.

We invite you to join our more than 7,000 members who are building a living memorial for Finnish-Americans in the U.S. You may join one of the 52 chapters in 25 states and Washington, D.C., or ask your local Finnish-American organization to become associated with Finlandia Foundation National.

If there is no chapter near you, it is also possible for you to start your own chapter or to join us as an individual member. The Finlandia Foundation National individual membership fee is \$20 per year.

Membership support helps FFN fulfill its mission through a variety of programs including:

- Performer of the Year and Lecturer of the Year, which present fine artists and experts on areas of interest to Finnish America at FFN chapters and events across the U.S.
- Academic scholarships for students and law students in the U.S. and Finland
- Grants for cultural projects related to Finland and Finnish America
- Scholarships for young people attending Salolampi Language Village in Minnesota, where they can learn the Finnish language, culture and history in an authentic Finnish setting

• FFN-sponsored Soiva International Music Camp, a unique summer program at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, that brings together instrumental students and faculty from the U.S. and Finland

Each member receives the FFN newsletter and a copy of the FFN history book, *Black Ties and Miners' Boots* by Jon L. Saari. FFN office reference materials and lending library of videos and books are available to members.

Chapters identify their affiliation with the national organization through use of the FF logo and name, and gain visibility through the FFN website, print and e-newsletters and Facebook page.

In addition to its annual activities, FFN participates in special programs of interest to Finnish America. FFN and its chapters celebrated the 150th anniversary of the birth of Finnish composer Jean Sibelius with a variety of events across the U.S. in 2015. We are recognizing the centennial of Finland's independence with a series of programs and events throughout 2017.

FFN administers nearly two dozen funds that honor individuals and organizations. They support heritage and youth programs, festivals, the sciences,

athletics, music, visual and performing arts and a variety of academic studies. Limited matching funds are available for establishing new funds. Our administrative expenses and matching funds are generously covered by grants from the Paloheimo Foundation.

As a 501(c)(3) organization, contributions to FFN are tax deductible. Gifts may be made as unrestricted donations or directed to specific programs.

FFN receives no public monies and the success of its programs depend on the generosity of donors. You may:

- Contribute by check mailed to: Finlandia Foundation National, P.O. Box 92046, Pasadena, CA 91109-2046
- Make a gift online at: FinlandiaFoundation.org
- Become a monthly donor; have your gift automatically debited
- Give a gift of stock, make a planned gift or discover other donor options
- Inquire about becoming a member of the FFN President's Council

Learn more about FFN at: FinlandiaFoundation.org

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Finlandia Foundation National is affiliated with 52 chapters in 25 states and Washington, D.C.:

ALASKA

Anchorage-Suomi Finland Club

ARIZONA

The Finnish American Club of Tucson
Finns & Friends of Phoenix

CALIFORNIA

Finlandia Club of Sacramento
Finlandia Foundation Berkeley
Finlandia Foundation Los Angeles
Finlandia Foundation San Francisco Bay Area
Finnish American Home Association
House of Finland - San Diego

COLORADO

Finlandia Foundation Colorado

CONNECTICUT

Finnish-American Heritage Society

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Finlandia Foundation National Capital

FLORIDA

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GEORGIA

Atlanta Finland Society

HAWAII

Finlandia Foundation Hawaii

IDAHO

Finlandia Foundation Inland Northwest

ILLINOIS

Finnish-American Society of the Midwest

MAINE

Finnish American Heritage Society of Maine
Finnish Farmers Club
Finnish Heritage House

MARYLAND

Finlandia Foundation Baltimore Area

MASSACHUSETTS

Finlandia Foundation Boston
Finnish-American Society of Cape Cod
The Finnish Center at Saima Park, Inc.
The Finnish Heritage Society/Sovittaja

MICHIGAN

Finnish American Cultural Corporation
The Finnish American Society of West Central Michigan
Finnish Center Association
Finnish Theme Committee of Hancock - Finlandia Foundation Copper Country
Upper Peninsula Chapter of the League of Finnish American Societies

MINNESOTA

Finlandia Foundation Northland
Finlandia Foundation Twin Cities
Finnish-Americans and Friends (Hibbing)
Red River Finns

MONTANA

Finn Club of Helena
Red Lodge Knights and Ladies of Kaleva

NEW YORK

Finger Lakes Finns
Finlandia Foundation New York Metropolitan

OHIO

Finnish-American Heritage Association of Ashtabula County
Finnish Heritage Museum - Fairport Harbor

OREGON

Finlandia Foundation Columbia-Pacific

PENNSYLVANIA

Finlandia Foundation Pittsburgh
Finnish American Society of the Delaware Valley

SOUTH DAKOTA

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Dakota Chapter
Sons and Daughters of Suomi

TEXAS

Finnish-American Society of Dallas/
Fort Worth

UTAH

Finlandia Foundation Utah

VIRGINIA

Finlandia Foundation Tidewater Virginia

WASHINGTON

Finlandia Foundation Seattle
Finlandia Foundation Suomi
Finnish-American Folk Festival
Swedish-Finn Historical Society

NATIONAL OFFICE

The Finlandia Foundation National office is located at the site of the birthplace of the organization, now the Pasadena Museum of History, 470 West Walnut Street in Pasadena, California.

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