

## **Chamber Music Activities at the H. Eller Music School in Tartu, Estonia**

Overview: the school has two levels of instruction:

- a youth department for students 7-15 years (9 year system)
- a conservatory level 15-22 year (4 years, but singers start at 18 years old)

Both levels participate in chamber music courses and activities.

The school prepares students for professional high schools, but is not accredited to award professional diplomas. But first level exams are recognized for their quality and some students can start working in some areas directly.

### **H. Eller Music school chamber music department**

The school has all kinds of chamber ensembles, including modern music ensembles.

The larger groups are: the recorder ensemble *Ellerino*, Eller Brass, Chamber Orchestra, and Chamber Choir

There are 4 bigger festivals during the year: Autumn Festival, Christmas Festival, Thematic Festival (i.e. Russian music) and Spring Festival.

In addition, there are a number of joint chamber music projects with both national and international partners.

#### **International Chamber Music Festival F- Es- Ta- Ri**

Festival participants are: Espoo Music Institute (Finland), H. Eller Tartu Music School, J. Medinš Riga 1. Music School (Latvia)

The idea of the festival was developed in Tartu together with these partners schools. The objectives of the festival are to give young pupils the possibility to perform chamber music, to learn about the other schools, to take part in master classes, and to study contemporary music.

Each partner can bring up to 15 students to participate in 2 to 3 concerts and masterclasses with an invited guest artist. Each host school can add elements to the festival to enhance its interest: at the last festival in Espoo, there were even lessons including using computer software to write music.

The Festival has already had four editions - 2006 February in Espoo, 2006 november in Riga, 2007 February in Tartu, 2009 February in Espoo. The next F- Es- Ta- Ri will be in 2011 in Riga.

### **Other projects:**

#### **Russian Music Festival in February 2011**

Concert at the H. Eller Music School will take place on 8. February in Tartu University Hall at 18h. Performers will come from Finland (Turu Conservatory, Tampere Conservatory, Espoo Music Institute), Latvia (Riga J. Medinš 1. Music School), and the H. Eller Tartu Music School

#### **Chamber music day - February 2011**

Participants from three Estonian Conservatories: H. Eller Tartu Music School, G. Ota Tallinn Music School and Tallinn Music Secondary School

The chamber music day rotates between three schools; the next event will take place at the Tallinn Music Secondary School.

#### **International Chamber Music Festival In Corpore - March 2011 in Tallinn Music Academy**

Participants from three Estonian Conservatories: H. Eller Tartu Music School, G. Ota Tallinn Music School and Tallinn Music Secondary School, Lithuania and Russia