

Hanko Music Festival captivates the summer city again in July 11.–16.2010. Diverse program of high quality is organized: classical music concerts in the idyllic concert places of Hanko, debut performances, fairy-tale concert, jazz concert at the Casino restaurant and music camp for children and young people. Also smaller musical events are held all around the city center. Summery Hanko provides a magnificent setting for the festival. This year's theme is "Follow the sea – connections and encounters".

The first Music Festival in Hanko was held 26.–31.7.2009, even more successfully than expected. There has not been a week long classical music festival in Hanko before, so the acceptance was very enthusiastic and intrigued. This year the successful concept will stay the same, spiced with new surprises. We are also pampering the audience with music in different venues: Classical brunch at the Casino restaurant and concert at the Evening market place with children performing will maintain the tradition. Hanko Music Festival significantly refreshes the cultural supply in Hanko. It adds creativity and mental well-being as well as strengthens the pleasant atmosphere for the people living in Hanko. In every aspect the Festival is tri-lingual and aimed for all ages so it can serve the whole population in Hanko. This year the festival will also be more international and there will be easier access for English speakers.

The organization behind Hanko Music Festival is Hangon Musiikkijuhlat ry, Hangö Musikdagar rf. The founding members are young professionals in classical music. Members of the artistic team are: Milla Rantala, Heidi Åberg-Ylivaara, Virva Garam, Noa Nakai and Esa Ylivaara. The partners for Hanko Music Festival are the City of Hanko and the Congregations of Hanko. The festival is supported by Svenska Kulturfonden.

We find it important to take care of the well-being of both the individual and nature. We are collaborating with the WWF Operation Mermaid by being part of Team Hangö, organized by Hanko travel agency. We wish all the companies in Hanko to welcome and join our team and to be partners with Hanko Music Festival!

**Let us lift off together on the wings of music!**

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