

THE PÄRNU MUSIC FESTIVAL 11 - 17 JULY 2016



The Pärnu Music Festival and Järvi Academy were founded by conductor **Paavo Järvi** in 2011 together with his father, Neeme, and it's family atmosphere envelopes the visiting musicians, students and audience to create a unique summer refuge on the Estonian coast.

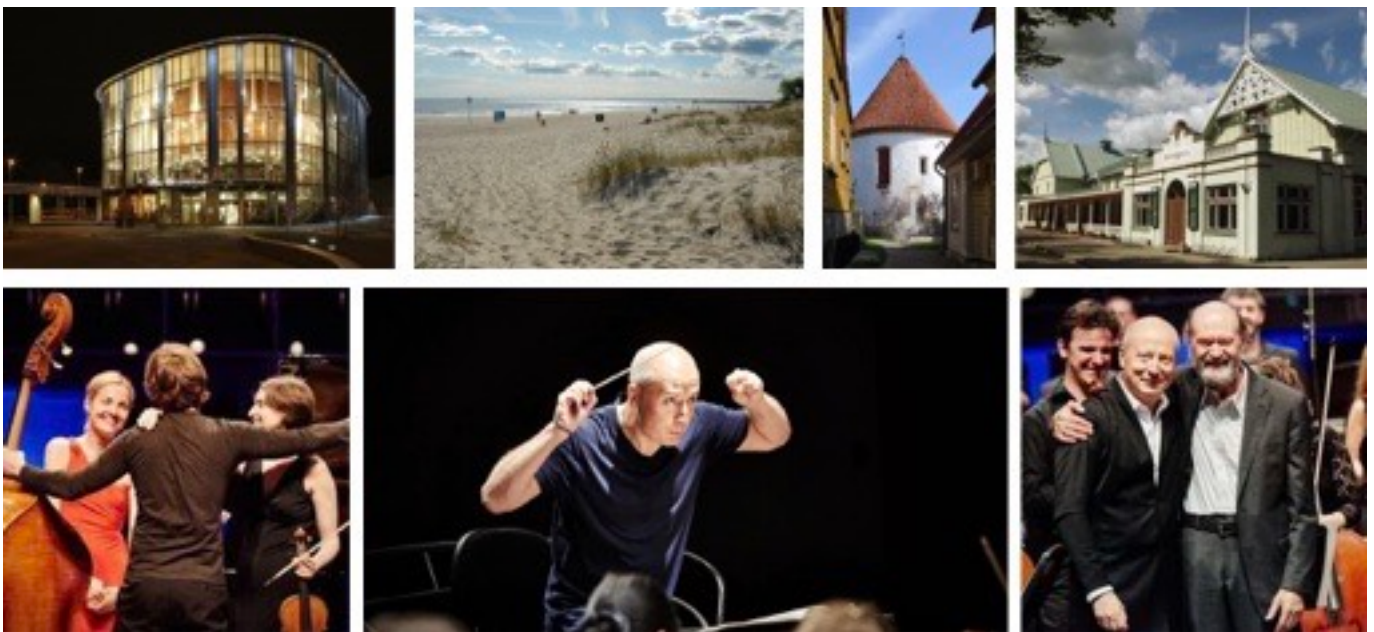
Now in its sixth year the Pärnu Music Festival runs from 11 - 17 July 2016 and, alongside masterclasses and chamber music concerts, Paavo Järvi conducts the **Estonian Festival Orchestra** in two concerts featuring soloists **Victoria Mullova** (14 July) and **Matthias Goerne** (17 July) in programmes focused on German and Nordic music by Mahler, Sibelius, Nielsen, Mussorgsky, Shostakovich and Estonia's own Erkki-Sven Tüür. **Arvo Pärt's** complete catalogue of "Songs from Childhood" will be performed by local children from Pärnu with newly created instrumental arrangements of songs that previously only existed as piano reductions or scores for film, and **Neeme and Kristjan Järvi** take to the stage with participants of this year's Järvi Conducting Academy in works by Velio Tormis, Rimski-Korsakov and Prokofiev.

Having grown up in Estonia, Pärnu has always held a special place in Paavo Järvi's heart. Traditionally known as the summer home of leading Soviet artists including Dmitri Shostakovich and David Oistrakh, who visited for the nearest thing to western tolerance and understanding in the Soviet Union, it was a place for artists to relax and enjoy each other's company and it was here in 1973 that the 11 year old Paavo met Shostakovich for the first time. It was also in Pärnu that David Oistrakh invited fellow musicians and students to join him for ad hoc performances in the little green Dacha which he rented each summer before his death in 1974.

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It was in this spirit that Paavo Järvi decided to return to the small seaside resort, surrounded by his family, and to create a festival offering conducting masterclasses to international young musicians, creating an Academy Orchestra comprising the very best of young Estonian talent and the Estonian Festival Orchestra, hand-picked by Paavo, including leading orchestral Estonian musicians complemented by soloists from Europe's leading orchestras. The week long festival takes place in various locations throughout Pärnu including the church of St Elizabeth - founded by the Russian Empress in 1741; the gardens of the luxurious art nouveau Villa Ammende; and the elegant 1000 seater concert hall, built in 2002, widely regarded as having one of Estonia's best acoustics.

For Paavo the Pärnu Music Festival is not just another festival. Having emigrated with his family aged 18 to the States, it is the chance to return to his roots, to showcase the culture and beauty of his country and to nurture the next generation of musicians.



"Utopian music-making led by the Järvi family in Estonia's magical summer town"

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Monday 11 July

20:00 Pärnu Concert Hall

Sinfonietta Riga

Paavo Järvi

Vincent Lucas (flute)

Marie-Pierre Langlamet (harp)

Prokofiev - Symphony no. 1, op. 25

Mozart - Flute & Harp Concerto in C major Arvo

Pärt - Fratres

Joseph Haydn - Symphony no. 104

Tuesday 12 July

19:00 Pärnu Concert Hall

Sten Heinoja (piano)

Marcel Johannes Kits (cello)

Johanna Vahermägi (viola)

22:00 St. Elisabeth's Church

Hába Quartet

Programme to be announced

Wednesday 13 July

20:00 Pärnu Concert Hall

Järvi Academy Sinfonietta

Theodor Sink (cello)

Participants of Järvi Academy
conducting course

Eduard Tubin - Music for Strings

Haydn - Cello Concerto no. 2 in D major Sergei

Prokofiev - Symphony no. 5

Thursday 14 July

20:00 Pärnu Concert Hall

Estonian Festival Orchestra

Paavo Järvi

Viktoria Mullova (violin)

Erkki-Sven Tüür - Incantation of Tempest

Jean Sibelius - Violin concerto, op. 47

Carl Nielsen - Symphony no. 2

Friday 15 July

19:00 Pärnu Concert Hall

Festival Gala Concert featuring guest solo
artists also playing in the Estonian Festival
Orchestra

Saturday 16 July

19:00 Pärnu Concert Hall

Järvi Academy Youth Orchestra

Neeme and Kristjan Järvi

and the participants of the Järvi Academy

Veljo Tormis - 2nd Overture

Rimski-Korsakov - La grande Paque Russe

Sergei Prokofiev - Symphony no. 4

22:00 Pärnu Concert Hall Chamber Hall

Järvi Academy Chamber Orchestra

Programme to be announced

Sunday 17 July

16:00 Ammende Villa

Arvo Pärt - Songs from Childhood

Featuring local children from Pärnu

20:00 Pärnu Concert Hall

Estonian Festival Orchestra

Paavo Järvi

Matthias Goerne (baritone)

Mussorgsky - Night on Bold Mountain Gustav

Mahler - Des Knaben Wunderhorn

Dmitri Shostakovich - Symphony no. 6

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