



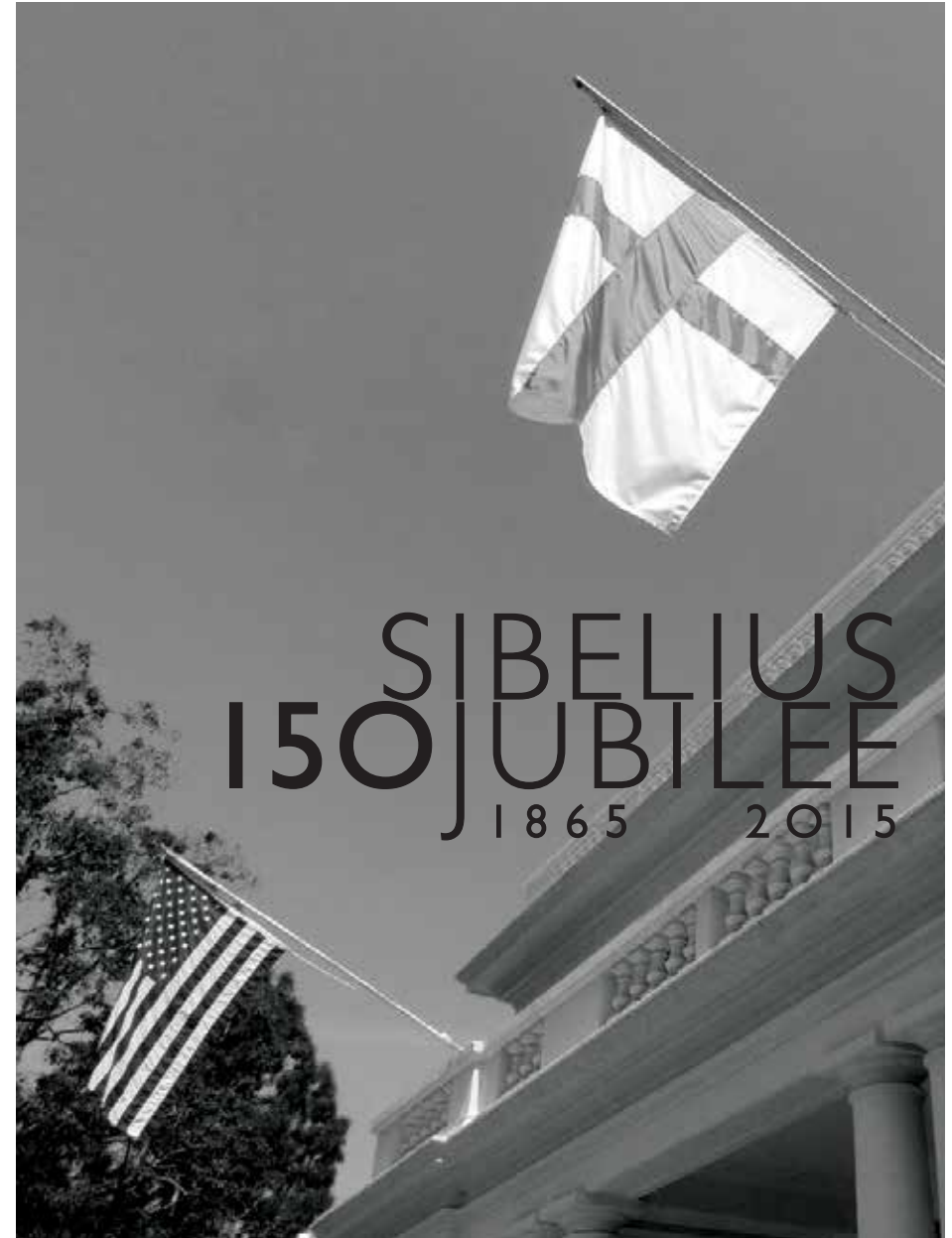
Finlandia Foundation National, founded in Pasadena, California in 1953, administers grants, scholarships and programs supporting and celebrating Finnish heritage and Finnish-American culture and traditions.

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SIBELIUS 150 JUBILEE 1865 2015

Next year, 2015, marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Finnish composer Jean Sibelius, and events around the world will celebrate this Jubilee year. For Finlandia Foundation National, it's an especially significant celebration, as Jean Sibelius served as FFN's first patron in 1953 when the foundation was formed.

Finlandia Foundation National has established a Sibelius 150 Jubilee Committee to promote and facilitate cultural and musical events around the U.S. that celebrate Sibelius' life and music. We hope that the jubilee brings a multitude and variety of partnerships, programs, and events that might even surpass the 80 events that occurred during the centennial of his birth in 1965.

Finlandia Foundation National encourages local chapters to participate by planning programs, partnerships, and cele-

brations of Sibelius during 2015. FFN has set aside funds and has received a grant from the Finnish Government through Suomi Seura to assist local chapters with their planning and programming, as well as to support performances in the U.S. of professional musicians and groups from Finland.

FFN is collaborating with the Embassy of Finland coordinating with Sibelius 150 Jubilee events in Finland, the Sibelius Academy, and the Sibelius Society.

Examples of partnerships, and organizational contacts for Sibelius Jubilee programs

- Major orchestras, second-tier/regional orchestras, community and college orchestras
- School outreach programs/curricula
- Community organizations—libraries, community centers, churches, film clubs
- Schools of music for academic researchers and performers

- Finnish and Nordic organizations—Suomi-koulu, women's groups, Finland sister city programs, festivals, cultural groups, folk musicians, Finnish-American publications and press, American-Scandinavian Foundation, heritage centers

How can Finlandia Foundation National assist in promoting Sibelius programming?

- Awarding of modest grants to assist local chapters and community groups to host Sibelius events/projects
- Planning assistance, partial sponsorships, and coordination of a Finnish violinist, singer, conductor and choir, in collaboration with the Sibelius Academy and music institutions in Finland
- Providing resources for program planning: websites; books, DVDs, teaching materials to borrow, digital etc.
- Maintaining a national calendar on the FFN website for Sibelius-related events in the U.S.

- Appointing FFN Sibelius Committee mentors to help chapters and their partners with program planning, activities, and requests for financial assistance

Sibelius Jubilee year events can extend beyond just Sibelius and Finnish music to include literature, history, architecture (e.g. programs about his home, Ainola)—imagination is all that's required!

To learn more or talk about FFN's Sibelius 150 Jubilee Year:

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