

Conducting masterclasses on the Åland Islands



Conduct a string orchestra with Anna-Maria Helsing 4-6th of November

The much appreciated conducting masterclasses with **Anna-Maria Helsing** are back this autumn. Active and passive participants are welcome to take part in the masterclasses, which take place at Ålands Musikinstitut, **4th- 6th of November, 2022**. Repertoire includes works for string orchestra by Edward Elgar, Jean Sibelius, and the contemporary composers Jaan Rääts and Caroline Shaw.

The masterclasses start with an online meeting for the 10 active participants on **Thursday the 1st of November**. On Friday the 4th of November, the participants will meet Anna-Maria and a pianist at ÅMI to go through the repertoire. During sessions on Saturday and Sunday, the participants will conduct a professional string orchestra in ÅMI's concert hall. Passive participants are also welcome during these sessions. The finale of the masterclasses is a "back to front" concert on Sunday the 5th of November at 15:00, where the audience can observe conductors at work from a new angle, behind the orchestra.

The masterclasses are given by Anna-Maria Helsing, who has developed a concept for digital teaching combined with a Finnish model for studying conducting. Anna-Maria is well known for the Åland audience as conductor of the operas Magnus-Maria (2014), Figaro1917 (2017) och Lisbeta (2021), as well as for the previous conducting masterclasses in 2020. Anna-Maria Helsing is currently first guest conductor of the BBC Concert Orchestra in London.

During the masterclasses, participants will conduct a string orchestra of 12 professional musicians led by Zaida Ponthin. Masterclasses will take place at Ålands Musikinstitut, Mariehamn.

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To attend the masterclass, please send in an application before October 16th, 2022. Max.

10 active participants.

The fee for attending is 200 €.

Questions & info:

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Schedule:

Tuesday 1/11:
18.00-20.00, Digital meeting, briefing and preparation for the weekend.

Friday 4/11:
18.00-20.00, Conducting with pianist at ÅMI

Saturday 5/11:
10.00-14.00 Orchestra rehearsal
Lunch break
15.00-17.00 Viewing of earlier recorded material

Sunday 6/11:
10.00-12.00 Orchestra rehearsal
Lunch break
13.00-14.30 General rehearsal
15.00 Concert

It is mandatory to participate in all sessions during the masterclasses.



The masterclasses are arranged by Kulturföreningen Katrina in collaboration with Ålands sång- och musikförbund och Ålands musikinstitut.