



Association internationale des bibliothèques, archives et centres de documentation musicaux (AIBM)

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Membership, Board, and General Assemblies

The branch has 62 members, of which 51 are institutional and 11 individual. The board consists of 13 members from various institutions, officials being Jaakko Tuohiniemi (University of Helsinki, Arts Faculty Library) as chairman, Pirjo Hakuni (Tampere City Library) as vice-chairman, Heikki Poroila (Vantaa City Library) as treasurer, and Jyrki Valto (Kirkkonummi Public Library) as secretary.

The Autumn meeting of the branch was held on 4 December 2008 at Turku City Library, which has a recently renovated and enlarged building with a very good music department, while the Spring meeting was held on 24 March 2009 at the Society of Swedish Literature of Finland (in Helsinki, or Helsingfors in Swedish), where we had a rare opportunity to see part of the Society's valuable collections of rare materials (though mostly non-musical).

Activities and Publications

The year 2008 sparked a grand celebration of 50 years of public music libraries in Finland. Tampere City Library hosted our seminar on *The Meaning of Music to a Human Being* on 10 October. Guest speakers were Professor Emeritus of Folk Music Heikki Laitinen, journalist Minna Lindgren, and musicologist Susanna Välimäki. A Festschrift edited by Heikki Poroila entitled *Hiljaisuudesta nousi musiikki: Suomen yleisten kirjastojen musiikkiosastojen 50 vuotta* [From Silence Emerged Music: 50 Years of Music Departments in Finnish Public Libraries] (ISBN 978-952-5363-31-9; Helsinki : Suomen musiikkikirjastoyhdistys, 2008) was also announced at the seminar. The 50-year celebration was even more visible – or should we say more audible – to our customers in form of quite successful sing-song gatherings, which were organised in 17 libraries around Finland, including the National Library.

Along with the above-mentioned *Festschrift*, our publication series grew by a few more uniform title catalogues (in PDF format), and has now reached its 133rd title. Our quarterly journal *Intervalli* (ISSN 1796-7392) is going strong under editorship of Heikki Poroila. Just to remind everyone: *Intervalli* is freely available on the internet at: <http://www.kaapeli.fi/~musakir/interval/>.

Near Future

We have two future items to bring to your attention: in October 2009 the branch will celebrate its 30th anniversary by organising a seminar on *Music Libraries in Media*; another important thing is a launch of our new monograph series, *Advanced Musicology* (ISSN 1798-3754) with its first title, namely *Theory of Analysis of Classic Heavy Metal Harmony*, written by Esa Lilja – a real must-have book for all academic libraries!



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