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In 2012-2013, the United Kingdom is the focus market for Finnish music. To that end, Music Finland – the new Finnish music information and export agency – has created the Music Finland UK initiative. Music Finland UK has the clear objectives of increasing the export volume and promoting the visibility of Finnish music in the UK.

The initiative consists of various services from which Finnish artists, companies and their British partners can benefit. Music Finland helps companies increase their marketing investments, while also making their marketing more effective. We also grant export subsidies for tours and other live productions by Finnish artists in the UK. If you are a music industry professional or a journalist representing a British media outlet, and interested in introducing Finnish music to your market, we might also take you to Finnish music festivals to get a taste of what Finland has to offer. Got ideas? Don't hesitate to contact us!

There's never been a better time to get together and launch music activities with the Finns. Enjoy Finnish jazz and join the movement. Finland sounds better with you!

FRI Nov 9
6:00-7:00pm
Front Room, Queen
Elizabeth Hall,
Free entrance

Veneri Pohjola Quartet

The young trumpeter Veneri Pohjola achieved international acclaim – and a five-star review on The Guardian – with his last year's Aurora album. The Guardian also described his recent follow-up, Ancient History, as “imaginative, beautifully executed contemporary jazz”.

Veneri Pohjola, trumpet | Aki Rissanen, piano |
Joonas Riippa, drums | Antti Lötjönen, double bass



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Record label
ACT Music
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SAT Nov 10
6:00–7:00pm
Clare Ballroom, Royal
Festival Hall
Free entrance

Oddarrang

This group melds influences from jazz, classical, world and postmodern rock music, and has drawn comparisons within the cool, moving expressionism of Nordic superstars like Björk and Sigur Rós.

Bandleader Olavi Louhivuori has performed with internationally acclaimed artists, including Anthony Braxton, Marilyn Crispell and Mats Eilertsen.

Olavi Louhivuori, drums | Osmo Ikonen, cello |
Ilmari Pohjola, trombone | Lasse Sakara, guitar |
Lasse Lindgren, acoustic bass

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SUN Nov 11
Finnish day on the
Barbican Freestage
Free entrance

2:00–2:50pm Black Motor

3:20–4:10pm Rakka

4:40–5:30pm Kuara

6:00–6:50pm Anna-Mari

Kähärän Orkesteri

SUN Nov 11
2:00-2:50pm
Barbican Freestage,
Barbican Centre,
Free entrance

Black Motor

The Black Motor improvisation trio combines jazz with other genres, including blues and Finnish folk. They have worked with Raoul Björkenheim, Iro Haarla and Peter Brötzmann, while their album Hoojaa was nominated for the Finnish version of the Grammy Awards in 2011. Black Motor's latest album Jumehniemi is released by Sagittarius A-Star Records.

Sami Sippola, tenor saxophone | Simo Laihonon, drums |
Ville Rauhala, double bass

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Record labels
Kauriala Society
Sagittarius A-Star Records



SUN Nov 11
3:20-4:10pm
Barbican Freestage,
Barbican Centre,
Free entrance

Rakka

The new improvisation quintet Rakka draws on influences ranging from Finnish folk music and old dance hall music, through to blues, gospel and jazz. They make their first LJF appearance around the release of their debut album.

Masa Orpana, saxophones, clarinet, flute | Jykä Ahola, trumpet |
Kusti Vuorinen, accordion | Janne Tuomi, drums | Ville Rauhala, double bass



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Record Labels
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SUN Nov 11
4:40-5:30pm
Barbican Freestage,
Barbican Centre,
Free entrance

Kuára

The Finnish-Norwegian trio Kuára draws inspiration from Russian psalms and traditional Scandinavian folk songs, creating evolving soundscapes and contrasting stark textures with rich expression, performing from the ECM album *Kuára: Psalms and Folk Songs*.

Samuli Mikkonen, piano | Trygve Seim, saxophones |
Markku Ounaskari, drums

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Record Label
ECM
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SUN Nov 11
6:00–6:50pm
Barbican Freestage,
Barbican Centre,
Free entrance

Anna-Mari Kähärän Orkesteri

The singer and composer Anna-Mari Kähärä has won Finland's prestigious Georgie award, and the Finland Prize from the Ministry of Education and Culture in recognition of her outstanding artistic career. With her all-star quartet she blends jazz, folk, pop and poetry.

Anna-Mari Kähärä, vocals | Marzi Nyman, guitar, vocals |
Jarmo Saari, guitar, vocals | Zarkus Poussa, percussions, vocals



Contact and booking
Sublime Music Agency
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SUN Nov 11
Meet Finnish musicians
and hear more about
Finnish jazz!

Panel discussions
4:10–4:40pm
5:30–6:00pm
Barbican Centre
Fountain room

The two panel discussions are to give a glimpse to the vivid Finnish jazz scene.
The sessions are moderated by key journalists and promoters in the UK.

MON Nov 12
7.30pm
St James'
Piccadilly

Iiro Rantala

Iiro Rantala is one of the best-known Finnish jazz musicians internationally. With Trio Töykeät he gave some 2000 concerts in 40 countries, and his debut solo album *Lost heroes* (ACT 2011) received the Year's Award of the Deutsche Schall-plattenkritik. Iiro Rantala himself received the German ECHO Jazz Award for the album. Iiro will be accompanied by Adam Baldych, a young jazzviolin comet from Poland for the first time in the UK.

Iiro Rantala, piano | Adam Baldych, violin



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Record Label
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TUE Nov 13
7.30 – 9pm
St James'
Piccadilly

Iro Haarla – Trygve Seim – Ulf Krokfors

The pianist and harpist Iro Haarla is now acknowledged as one of Finland's finest musicians, performing at LJF with her trio featuring saxophonist Trygve Seim and bassist Ulf Krokfors. Her latest album *Vespers* (out from ECM) won the Finnish Grammy this year.

Iro Haarla, piano, harp | Trygve Seim, saxophones |
Ulf Krokfors, double bass

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Record Label
ECM
<http://www.ecmrecords.com>



SAT Nov 17
6 – 7pm
Barbican Freestage,
Barbican Centre

Juhani Aaltonen Quartet

Originally inspired by Coltrane's Helsinki concerts of the early 1960s, the flautist and saxophonist Juhani Aaltonen has developed a sound that is truly his own.

Juhani Aaltonen, tenor saxophone, flute | Iro Haarla, piano |
Reiska Laine, drums | Ulf Krokfors, double bass



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Record label

TUM Records
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Music Finland is the new organization dedicated to promoting the success and awareness of Finnish music at home and abroad. Music Finland creates and manages a wide variety of services, marketing programmes, events, networking opportunities, training, consultancy, support, research, information and funding programmes. These activities aim to maximize success for Finnish music and music companies, and increase Finnish music export revenue.

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