

Dominante

Founded in 1975, Dominante is one of the leading mixed choirs in Finland and an ambitious forerunner when it comes to Finnish choral music. Dominante started as a student choir within the Helsinki University of Technology (today Aalto University), and even at present, most of its 60 members are Aalto University students or alumni.

Dominante's repertoire spans from the Renaissance all the way to contemporary choral works. Modern Finnish a cappella music is one of its core components, and out of classical Finnish composers, Jean Sibelius' and Toivo Kuula's works hold a prominent place in the choir's repertoire. Dominante is frequently invited to perform with some of the most well-known Finnish orchestras, and big orchestral works have become one of the cornerstones of Dominante's repertoire.



Artistic director Seppo Murto



Seppo Murto has been Dominante's artistic director since 1981. Murto holds degrees in organ music (1980) and in choral conducting (1983) from the Sibelius Academy, the leading institution of music education in Finland. Over the course of his career Murto has worked with numerous other choirs in Finland, participated in several international festivals as a conductor and instructor, and conducted major works of Bach, Haydn, and Mozart with leading Finnish symphony orchestras. Murto has taught organ performance at the Sibelius

Academy and served as Helsinki Cathedral's organist from 1985 to 2019. His awards include director musices (1986), choral conductor of the year (Finnish Choral Conductors' Association, 2001), and cantor of the year (2013), among others.

Recent collaborations

Artists

Anja Bihlmaier	conductor
Martyn Brabbins	conductor
Nicholas Collon	conductor
József Hárs	conductor
Esa Heikkilä	conductor
Gabor Hollerung	conductor
Jaakko Kuusisto	conductor
Erkki Lasonpalo	conductor
Hannu Lintu	conductor
Sir James MacMillan	conductor
Daniel Reuss	conductor
Esa-Pekka Salonen	conductor
Clemens Schuldt	conductor
Andreas Spering	conductor
Dalia Stasevska	conductor
Masaaki Suzuki	conductor
Arvo Volmer	conductor
Antti Auvinen	composer
Jussi Chydenius	composer
Raimundo Gonzalez	composer
Yui Katada	composer
Jyrki Linjama	composer
Jaakko Mäntyjärvi	composer
Uljas Pulkkis	composer
Mikko Sidoroff	composer
Matthew Whittall	composer
Andrea Boccelli	tenor
Monica Groop	alto
Tobias Hunger	tenor
Karita Mattila	soprano
Jorma Uotinen	artist, professor
Ville Sandqvist	stage director

Orchestras and choirs

Lahti Symphony Orchestra
Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra
Lohjan kaupunginorkesteri
Finnish Baroque Orchestra
Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra

The Polytech Choir
Murtosointu

Institutions and festivals

Aalto University
Leipzig Bach Festival
City of Espoo
Festival of Young Artists Bayreuth
Heinävesi music festival
Helsinki Festival
Helsinki Cathedral Parish
Helsinki Organ Summer
Hong Kong Arts Festival HKAF
Korea Choral Institute KCI
Kirkko soikoon Festival
KuoroEspoo
Lohjan tenoripäivät (today Lohja soi)
Rajaton a cappella ensemble
Sysmä Summer Sounds
Embassy of Finland, Croatia, Ambassador Timo Rajakangas
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Consulate General of Finland, Hong Kong, Consul General Annikki Arponen
Embassy of Finland, Hungary, Ambassador Petri Tuomi-Nikula
Embassy of Finland, Vietnam, Ambassador Kimmo Lähdevirta
Taipei International Choral Festival TICF
Organ Night & Aria Festival
Vocal Espoo

Recent premieres

Antti Auvinen	Delfiinimeditaatio	2021
Uljas Pulkkis	Marraskuun aikaan	2021
Mikko Sidoroff	Erlkönig	2020
Raimundo Gonzalez	Xibalba	2018
Jyrki Linjama	Credo	2016
	Vanitas	2013
Jussi Chydenius	De Profundis	2015
Matthew Whittall	Love is a place	2015
Yui Katada	Upopo	2015
	Kirsikkapuukuja	2010
Jaakko Mäntyjärvi	Tentatio (Finnish premiere)	2015
Seppo Pohjola	Appassionata	2010
Reijo Kekkonen	Asioissa minua viehättää niiden hitaus	2010

Recent recordings

2017 Virtaa
2013 Joulun tähden
2012 Sibelius: Saarella palaa
2008 Lempeä

Recent overseas concert tours, festivals and competitions

2023 Portugal
2019 **Festival of Young Artists Bayreuth**, Germany
2018 Switzerland and Germany
2017 **Taipei International Choral Festival TICF**, Taiwan
2017 **Bachfest Leipzig**, Germany
2016 Hungary
2015 Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina
2014 Russia and Estonia
2013 **Tolosa Choir Competition**, Spain
2012 **Hong Kong Arts Festival HKAF**, Hong Kong
2012 Japan and Vietnam
2011 Denmark
2010 Bulgaria
2009 South Korea, Hongkong and Macao
2008 Estonia
2007 **BBC Proms**, UK

Recent concerts and projects

Selected a cappella concerts

Saloilla	Seppo Murto	2023
Ikivihreät Kuulat	Seppo Murto & Saara Aittakumpu	2023
J. Mäntyjärvi: Salvat 1701	Seppo Murto	2022
Dreams	Seppo Murto	2021
S. Rachmaninoff: All-Night Vigil Op. 37	Seppo Murto	2021
Love Is a Place	Seppo Murto	2020
S. Rachmaninoff: All-Night Vigil Op. 37	Seppo Murto	2019
Sibeliusta pyhäaamuna	Seppo Murto	2019
J. Mäntyjärvi: Salvat 1701	Seppo Murto	2018
Lentoon	Seppo Murto	2018
Valoon	Seppo Murto	2017
Virtaa! (album release concert)	Seppo Murto	2016

Jubileum (40th anniversary concert)	Seppo Murto	2015
Kaukana on minun maani	Seppo Murto	2012

Lahti Symphony Orchestra

L.V. Beethoven: Symphony No. 9 Op. 125	Dalia Stasevska	2024
E. Elgar: Dream of Gerontius Op. 38	Martyn Brabbins	2024
C. Orff: Carmina Burana	Dalia Stasevska	2023
J. MacMillan: Seven Last Words From the Cross	J. MacMillan	2023
J. Brahms: A German Requiem	Masaaki Suzuki	2023
A. L. Dvořák: Stabat Mater	Anja Bihlmaier	2022
L.V. Beethoven: Missa Solemnis	Hannu Lintu	2022
L.V. Beethoven: Symphony No. 9 Op. 125	József Hárs	2019
G. Fauré: Requiem Op. 48	Clemens Schuldt	2019
W.A. Mozart: Requiem KV 626	Clemens Schuldt	2019
J.S. Bach: St John Passion BWV 245	Seppo Murto	2018
J.S. Bach: Cantatas 79, 80, 192	Otto Tausk	2017
J.S. Bach: St Matthew Passion BWV 244	Andreas Spering	2017
G.F. Handel: Messiah HWV 56	Esa Heikkilä	2016
J.S. Bach: St John Passion BWV 245	Seppo Murto	2015
J.S. Bach: St Matthew Passion BWV 244	Andreas Spering	2014
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A. L. Webber: Jesus Christ Superstar	Jaakko Kuusisto	2012
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R. Schumann: Das Paradies und die Peri	Andreas Spering	2011
J.S. Bach: St John Passion BWV 245	Seppo Murto	2010
L.V. Beethoven: Symphony No. 9 Op. 125	Jukka-Pekka Saraste	2010
J.S. Bach: St Matthew Passion BWV 244	Andreas Spering	2009

Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra

M. Mussorgsky: Khovanshchina	Esa-Pekka Salonen	2024
E. Elgar: Dream of Gerontius Op. 38	Nicholas Collon	2024
A. Berg: Wozzeck	Hannu Lintu	2015
D. Shostakovich: Orango	Esa-Pekka Salonen	2014
J. Linjama: Vanitas	Arvo Volmer	2013
R. Wagner: Das Liebesmahl der Apostel	Arvo Volmer	2013
F. Liszt: Christus	Andres Mustonen	2011
E. Bergman: Bardo Thödol Op. 74	Sakari Oramo	2011

Lohjan Kaupunginorkesteri

J.S. Bach: Christmas Oratorio BWV 248	Seppo Murto	2019
G. Fauré: Requiem Op. 48	Seppo Murto	2019
W.A. Mozart: Requiem KV 626	Seppo Murto	2019
J.S. Bach: St John Passion BWV 245	Esa Heikkilä	2018
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W.A. Mozart: Requiem KV 626	Esa Heikkilä	2016
G. Puccini: Messa di Gloria SC 6	Esa Heikkilä	2016
J.S. Bach: Christmas Oratorio BWV 248	Esa Heikkilä	2015
F. Mendelssohn: Elijah Op. 70	Seppo Murto	2015
Finnish Baroque Orchestra		
J. Chydenius: De profundis	Seppo Murto	2015
N. Muhly: Preservation	Seppo Murto	2015
G. F. Handel: Zadok the Priest	Seppo Murto	2015
G. F. Handel: The King shall rejoice	Seppo Murto	2015
C.H. Graun: Der Tod Jesu	Seppo Murto	2014
J.S. Bach: St John Passion BWV 245	Seppo Murto	2011
Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra		
F. Mendelssohn: Lobgesang MWV A 18	Jun Märkl	2012
F. Mendelssohn: Elijah Op. 70	Rolf Beck	2009
G.F. Handel: Messiah HWV 56	Andreas Spering	2009
Helsinki Sinfonietta		
J. Haydn: Nelson mass	Erkki Lasonpalo	2024
Tapiola Sinfonietta		
J. Haydn: The Creation	Kari Tikka	2010
G.F. Handel: Israel in Egypt HWV 54	A. Lawrence-King	2009
Oratorio-orkesteri		
J.S. Bach: St John Passion BWV 245	Seppo Murto	2010
Lemin musiikkijuhlien kamariorkesteri		
W.A. Mozart: Requiem KV 626	Seppo Murto	2018
Taipei Philharmonic Youth Orchestra		
F. Mendelssohn: Lobgesang MWV A 18	Gabor Hollerung	2017
The Polytech Orchestra		
J. Chydenius: Kesäkantaatti	Seppo Murto	2019
Fauré, Mozart	Seppo Murto	2011