



Avanti! Playing Classical Music with Children

The Finnish ensemble Avanti! Celebrated their cooperation with the Helsinki Conservatory by playing a unique concert with no less than 60 children on stage – all playing the clarinet.

Background

Avanti! Chamber Orchestra was founded in 1983 to satisfy a need for a high-quality ensemble in Finland, not least to perform the contemporary music and a repertoire that would otherwise remain unperformed. Avanti! is an orchestra that varies in size from a solo player to a symphony orchestra. It specializes in no particular genre; rather, it is proud to be a specialist in all styles with a strong sense of responsibility for the music of today.

Avanti! takes pride in working out clear concepts for their concerts. Programming is essential for Avanti! Chamber Orchestra, but so is the duty to reach out to the audience.

Concept

Avanti! Chamber Orchestra celebrated their cooperation with the Helsinki Conservatory with a unique concert introducing 60 children on stage... all playing the clarinet!

Indeed the clarinet plays a special role for the Avanti Orchestra. The orchestra's artistic director is the world famous clarinetist Kari Kriikku, so it was only natural that the orchestra takes interest in the education of a new generation of Finnish clarinetists.

The concert

Together with the children, Avanti! performed Kirmo Lintinen's *Miyazaki* – a newly written piece for chamber orchestra and 60 amateur clarinetists.

The programme also included an element of mixed media, consisting of Michal van der Aa's piece *Up-Close* for cello solo, string orchestra and film.

Facts

Ensemble: Avanti! Chamber Orchestra

Date and time: April 5th 2014, 7 pm

Venue: Helsinki Conservatory, Helsinki, Finland

Programme:

Kirmo Lintinen: *Miyazaki*

Richard Strauss: *Methamorphosen*

Michel van der Aa: *Up-Close*

Attendees: 400

Additional information: <http://www.avantimusic.fi/en/>

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