

**Finn Fest, 2008 – Kantele Room - \*\*Meeting Room has been changed to the French River Room at the DECC in Duluth, MN (Revised by Barbara Hanka on April 27, 2008)**

**Wednesday, July 23, 2008**

**7:00 p.m. Opening Ceremony for FinnFest, 2008: Viktoria Nizhnik will play kantele (her rehearsal is at 5:00 p.m.)**

**Thursday, July 24, 2008**

**9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Kantele Class (5 & 10 string kantele) with members “Koivun Kaiku” - Kay Seppala and Betsy Norgard. Kantele care and maintenance with Al Norgard.  
\*\* Bring you own kantele or borrow one (limited numbers of kanteles available to borrow)**

**11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Meet the Artists/Set Up**

**11:15 - 12:15 p.m. Joyce Hakala – History of Kantele - from her book, “Mementos of Finland”.**

**12:15 – 12:45 p.m. Meet the Artist/Set up for Concert**

**12:45 – 2:30 p.m. \*\* Concert with (in order of appearance):**

- 1. Margaret Webster from Tamerak, MN  
\*\* (storyteller/actress portraying Louhi, Mistress of the North)**
- \*\* 2. “Kanteleen Soittajat” from Duluth (an adult kantele ensemble featuring the 10 & 11 string)**
- \*\* 3. Kevin Sikkila from Duluth (10 string kantele and jouhikko)**
- \*\* 4. “Duluth Area Youth Kantele Ensemble” (5 & 10 string kantele, birch bark flute, Sámi drum (directed by Barbara Hanka)**

**2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Meet the Artists/Set up for Kantele Showcase Concert**

**3:30 – 5:30 p.m. KANTELE SHOWCASE CONCERT**

**\*\* (in concert order)**

**Master of Ceremonies: Loretta Busch from Duluth, MN**

**\*\* Kevin Sikkila from Duluth, MN – 10 string kantele**

**\*\* “Kanteleen Soittajat” from Duluth, MN – \*\*10 & 11 string kanteles**

**\*\* Ari Lahdekorpi from \*\*Winnipeg, Canada – 10 string kantele**

- \*\* “Remembering Finn Hall” (Barbara Hanka & Jim Johnson and their children Diana & Sergei) from Duluth, MN – kantele/poetry.
  - \*\* “Kanteliini” from Duluth, MN – small & large kantele
  - \*\* “Koivun Kaiku” from Minneapolis, MN – small & large “iso” kanteles (winners of the Finlandia Foundation’s “Performer of the Year” award)
  - \*\* Viktoria Nizhnik from Petrozavodsk, Russia (Karelia) – Chromatic and 10 string kanteles
  - \*\* “Duluth Area Youth Kantele Ensemble” (ages 10 – 14) from Duluth, MN- 5 & 10 string kanteles – Directed by Barbara Hanka
  - \*\* Diane Jarvi from Minneapolis, MN – small & large kantele, songwriter (winner of the Finlandia Foundation’s “Performer of the Year” award)
  - \*\* John Nurmi and Jon Romer from Ossining, NY/Cass Lake, MN – small kantele and native flute, original songs
  - \*\* Three Rivers Kantele Ensemble” from Haapavesi, Finland/directed by Norma Jane Ilmola – small & large kanteles (Finland’s Young Adult Cultural Ambassadors to the United States supported by the Ministry of Education of Finland through a grant)
- 5:30 – 6:30 \*\*Meet the Artists Kantele Showcase Concert Reception – honoring all of the kantele artists**

**Friday, July 25, 2008**

- \*\* 9:30 – 9:45 a.m. Set up for Kantele Class at 11:15 a.m.
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. President of Finland’s Speech in the DECC Auditorium
- \*\*11:15 a.m – 1:00 p.m. Kantele Class for Iso/Large Kanteles (36 String) by Three Rivers Kantele Ensemble members.
- 1:00 – 1:15 p.m. Meet the Artists/Set Up for next event.
- 1:15 – 2:15 p.m. \*\*Viktoria Nizhnik from Petrozavodsk, Russia (Karelia) – Concert on chromatic & 10 string kanteles, and jouhikko
- 2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Meet the Artist/Set up
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m Set up for Concerts
- 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. \*\* Concert with (in concert order):
  - \*\*1.“Kanteliini”, a kantele duo from Duluth, MN
  - \*\* 2.“Remembering Finn Hall” with Barbara Hanka & Jim Johnson and children, Diana & Sergei from Duluth, MN (poetry & kantele music, birch bark flute, accordion, humor, stories, drama)
  - \*\* 3. Diane Jarvi from Minneapolis, MN (kantele, guitar, vocals, & original songs)
- 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. Meet the Artists/Set up for next Concert

**5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Concert with (in concert order):**

- \*\* 1. John Nurmi & Jon Romer from Ossining, NY & Cass Lake, MN (small kantele & native flute with original songs)**
- \*\*2. Three Rivers Kantele Ensemble from Haapavesi, Finland, directed by Norma Jane Ilmola (with iso large kanteles, small kanteles, vocals, flutes, accordion, saw-playing, percussion, and jouhikko).**

**7:00 – 7:15 p.m. Meet the Artists**

**Saturday, July 26, 2008**

**9:00 – 11:00 a.m. \*\*Kantele Class (5-string) for beginners with Diane Jarvi from Minneapolis, MN - bring your own kantele or borrow on (limited number available)**

**11:00 – 11:15 p.m. Meet the Artist/Set up**

**11:15 – 12:45 p.m. \*\*Three Rivers Kantele Ensemble – “Väinämöinen’s Virtual Kantele” - demonstration of contemporary techniques and styles for the kantele from Finland.**

**12:45 – 1:00 a.m. Meet the Artist/Set up**

**1:00 – 3:00 p.m. \*\*Kantele Class for Youth & Families (5 & 10 string kanteles) with Barbara Hanka from Duluth, MN – bring your own or borrow on (limited number of kanteles available)**

**3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Meet the Artist/Set up time**

**3:15 – 4:15 p.m. \*\* Carl Rahkonen – “All Your Kantele Questions Answered!”(or at least attempted)**

**4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Meet the Artist/Set up**

**4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Set up for next concert**

**5:00 – 6:30 p.m. \*\* Concert with (in concert order):**

- \*\* 1. Viktoria Nizhnik from Petrozavodsk, Russia (chromatic & 10 string kantele and jouhikko).**
- \*\* 2. “Koivun Kaiku” from Minneapolis, MN (5, 10, & 36 string kantele, birch bark flute, jouhikko, percussion)**

**6:30 – 6:45 p.m. Meet the Artists**

**Sunday, July 27, 2008**

**10:30 a.m. Three Rivers Kantele Ensemble (from Haapavesi, Finland) will perform for the “Day of Worship” in the Harborside Room**