

FINNISH AMERICAN SOCIETY OF THE MIDWEST (FASM) A Finlandia Foundation Chapter

Invites you to join us for



St Urho's Pea Soup Lunch Sunday, March 15, 2026 1:00PM Program to Follow Lunch

At the Chicago Estonian House, 14700 Estonian Lane, Riverwoods, IL

Pea Soup Lunch 1:00 PM Donation \$15

Menu: Both regular and vegetarian pea soup, salad, bread/Finn Crisp and special dessert.



Program: Bill Väänänen Donation \$15

Bill Väänänen presents "Suomi Suite"

Come experience "Mr. V's" unique musical perspectives in this original multimedia presentation prepared especially for FASM.

"The Suomi Suite" Hear accomplished composer and award-winning music educator Bill Väänänen share his original suite of new songs dedicated to

all those of Finnish-descent. A composer of over 500 songs and 80+ musical plays for children, Bill has spent his career creating music that is relevant and inspiring. Bill's unique songs for his "Suomi Suite" cover a wide range of topics regarding Finnish history and current culture as seen through the eyes of a man who grew up in Oklahoma, far from the northern lakes and forests. "The Finns of America" is a tribute to the diaspora of Finnish-Americans who overcame great hardship arriving upon the shores of a new continent. "Lemminkainen's Mother" is a musical analysis of the art masterpiece by Finnish painter Akseli Gallen-Kallela. "Behold! The Flying Finns!" celebrates Finnish athletes who flew above and beyond bringing honor to our small nation. The Suite will be performed by Bill on piano and vocals accompanied by a slide show featuring text, animation, and imagery.



Celebrating St Urho's Day

Saint Urho is a fictional saint of Finland, created and elaborated by Finnish Americans in Northern Minnesota in the 1950s. His celebration is set for March 16, the day before the March 17 feast day of St. Patrick.

All are welcome! Bring a friend!



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