

# FINNISH AMERICAN SOCIETY OF THE MIDWEST (FASM)

A Finlandia Foundation Chapter Invites you to join us for



## VAPPU Celebration

Sunday, May 3, 2026



### A Nordic Spring Celebration with a World Class Concert and Traditional Finnish Dinner

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



2:00 PM - Cash Bar and Hors d'oeuvres

3:00 PM - Buffet Dinner with Swedish Meatballs, Chicken, Salmon Soup, Assorted Salads. Feel free to bring a favorite dessert or salad to share.

Sima!

Merchandise Sales!

A fun time for everyone.

Bring your friends; everyone is welcome.



Vappu is a joyful Finnish celebration of spring, students and graduation, as well as Labor Day, marked by picnics, student caps, and festivities.



#### Entertainment:

#### Ruut DeMeo Finlandia Foundation Performer of the Year

Ruut DeMeo is a Finnish-born, multidisciplinary artist whose work as a musician, author, and educator celebrates the transformative power of creativity and cultural heritage. Known for two decades in Baltimore as the city's beloved "piano girl," she has released nine independent albums and performed internationally. Ruut brings her powerful piano performance and moving vocals as Finlandia Foundation's 2026 Performer of the Year, drawing from Finnish heritage and mythology to create performances that bridge past and present.

Join us for an intimate night of music and conversation with Ruut at The Estonian House on May 3rd. Ruut will share some longtime favorites alongside new songs from her upcoming album, Motherland. This will be an evening you won't want to miss! <https://ruutartist.com>

"This event is partially sponsored by Finlandia Foundation National."

People willing to help set up would be appreciated and are welcome to come at 1pm.

**Reservations due by Friday, April 24**

**for our world class concert and traditional Finnish dinner**



18 and over	\$40	_____	number = \$ _____
Students	\$30	_____	number = \$ _____
Free 12 and under	0	_____	number _____
			Donation = \$ _____ TOTAL \$ _____

Send reservation information to: **Steve Koivula at 407 South 6th Avenue, St. Charles, IL 60174**

Questions can be sent to: [fasmevent@gmail.com](mailto:fasmevent@gmail.com) or contact Steve at: 630-584-1684.

Cash, check, or credit card accepted at the door for those with reservations. No walk in guests.

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