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About Jean Sibelius –

Finlandia, Opus 26 (1899, revised 1900) – Jean Sibelius (1865–1957)

One of Sibelius’ early tone poems was *Finlandia*. Originally intended to be the seventh movement of seven pieces forming a tableau depicting Finnish history, “Finland Awakens,” it was a covert protest against increasing censorship from the Russian empire. To avoid Russian censorship, *Finlandia* was performed under several names at first. It has been thought that the theme was originally a folk tune, but it is, in fact, Sibelius’ own work.

Eventually, the *Finlandia* section of the tableau became so popular that Sibelius decided to re-work the piece as a stand-alone work. The *Finlandia Hymn* was not sung in Finland until opera singer Wäinö Sola wrote Finnish words for it in 1937. The words for the hymn section were re-written after Russian aggression against Finland in 1941 by Veirko Antero Koskenniemi, and that was when *Finlandia* started to become an important Finnish National Hymn. This second set of words is the text that has been used ever since. Because of this, *Finlandia* is one of the most recognizable melodies in classical music.

Instrumentation – 2 flutes, 2 oboes, 2 clarinets in Bb, 2 bassoons, 4 horns, 3 trumpets, 3 trombones, tuba, timpani, bass drum, cymbals, triangle, strings

Artifact –

[New York Philharmonic, Andre Kostelanetz Score and parts –](#)

Available on iTunes
1. Grieg: Peer Gynt Suites, Holbert Suite - Sibelius: Finlandia, Tapiola, Valse Triste - Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra & Herbert von Karajan
2. Sibelius: Symphony No. 3; Finlandia; Karelia Suite; Swan of Tuonela - Lorin Maazel, Harold Smoliar & Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra
3. Sibelius: Symphony No. 2, "Karelia" Suite, Finlandia - Royal Philharmonic Orchestra & Sir Charles Mackerras
4. Jean Sibelius.: Finlandia / Valse Triste / Night Ride and Sunrise / Lemminkäinen Suite / en Saga (K. Sanderling, Berglund) - Paavo Berglund
5. Sibelius: Finlandia - Karelia Suite - Lemminkäinen Suite - Jean Sibelius & Sibelius - Iceland Symphony Orchestra - Petri Sakari
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1. Sibelius: Symphony No. 2 / Finlandia / Valse Triste / Swan of Tuonela, Opp. 22/2,26/7,43,44
2. Sibelius: Finlandia; Symphony No.2
3. Sibelius: 'Finlandia' (suites & symphonic poems)
4. Finlandia;; The story of Sibelius,
5. Sibelius Orchestral Works: An Owner's Manual (Unlocking the Masters)

YouTube Video Links –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOSaT6U4e-8>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIe_r_E0Uyk

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wqRHRfcnOwQ>