



Finlandia Foundation®
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Presents

2nd ANNUAL BORIS SIRPO RECITAL

featuring talented, young students in Oregon and SW Washington

Saturday, February 11, 2012

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Messiah Lutheran Church

7434 N Charleston Avenue

Portland, OR

Free to the Public – Donations Welcome

Come and enjoy an afternoon of solo performances by violin, viola, cello, and kantele students in the 2nd Annual Boris Sirpo Recital which was established to encourage string instrument studies in Oregon and SW Washington.

Refreshments will be served immediately following the Recital



Boris Sirpo was the first Music Director of the Portland Chamber Orchestra founded in 1947. As the former Conductor of the Viipuri Orchestra in Finland, Sirpo left his embattled country during WWII with the help of Herbert Hoover and came to the United States. After his arrival in Portland, he became an active string teacher and joined the music faculty at Lewis and Clark College. Many of Portland's finest musicians began their studies with Sirpo. With financial help of the Finnish community in Portland and Hood River, he conducted his students in their first public performance which included the opera "Bridge of the Gods" with late tenor Jan Peerce. Sirpo was PCO's Conductor for 20 years.



Jean Sibelius shaking hands with Boris Sirpo, the conductor of the Vyborg Orchestra, after the concert in 1923. Sirpo had rehearsed the program; the composer himself conducted the concert.

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