

Music Archive Finland

Activity Report 2021

Summary (Unofficial English Translation)

The Music Archive Finland, maintained by the Member's Association of Music Archive Finland, is a non-profit central archive. The Music Archive Finland's collections cover a significant part of Finnish cultural heritage and they contain a lot of unique material. The Music Archive is an expert in digitization and digital long-term preservation, and it actively participates in the development of private archives in Finland.

The Music Archive collects, preserves and makes available information and material related to Finnish music, with the exception of folk music and art music. In accordance with the national acquisition policy jointly agreed by the National Archives and private archives, the Music Archive preserves, among other things, personal archives of music creators and enthusiasts, archives of music industry organizations, archives of music events and educational institutions, as well as music-related research and memory data materials. The archive and offices are located in the archive center at Sörnäisten rantatie 25, Helsinki.

The pandemic situation limited the Music Archive's customer service in 2021. During the strictest corona restrictions, the Music Archive was completely closed to customers. At other times, customers were served with limited services, so that no more than two customers were admitted to the premises at a time. Despite the pandemic situation, the number of material inquiries increased compared to before. The staff of the Music Archive followed remote work recommendations.

Despite the exceptional circumstances, 19 shelf meters of new materials were handed over to the Music Archive. The number of personal and community archives was 454 at the end of 2021. During the year, significant new archive transfers and additions to many personal and community archives were received. At the end of 2021, there were a total of 1177 shelf meters of materials and 50 terabytes of digital material.

The Music Archive continued its Open Access activities. During the year, among other things, four free e-books were published. Also new video recordings were published on the Music Archive's YouTube channel.

The Music Archive actively cooperated with other cultural heritage organizations. Juha Henriksson worked in many working groups in the GLAM sector, where, among other things, the joint acquisition policy of private archives was planned, and standards and recommendations were developed. Henriksson served, for example, as the chairman of the archive's architecture group and in the GLAM legal group. Henriksson served as Finland's Time Machine Ambassador, and he also wrote the study "Time Machine in Finland", which was published in May 2021.

On December 31, 2021, the Member's Association had a total of 169 individual and 18 community members. The annual meeting of the association was organized on April 22, 2021. Hannu Tolvanen was elected chairman of the association and Jari Eskola, Jaana-Maria Jukkara, Matti Laipio, Esa Lilja, Mikko Mattlar, Atro Mikkola, Mikko Ojanen, Janne Poikolainen, Saijaleena Rantanen, Perttu Rastas, Raimo Öystilä and Jarmo Wallenius as other board members. The board met three times during 2021. The Director of the Music Archive served as the secretary of the board. No meeting rewards were paid.