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Free Sibelius Festival Events

HANCOCK – The Copper Country community is invited to several free events as part of this year’s Finlandia University Sibelius Academy Music Festival.

Wednesday, July 30, at 6:45 p.m., a performance by the Kivajat Dancers, a children’s traditional dance troupe directed by Kay Seppala, will be presented at the Finnish American Heritage Center, Hancock. The feature concert by mezzosoprano Melis Jaatinen and her piano accompanist, Maija Väisänen, follows at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 31, at 6:45 p.m., a concert by the Noteworthy Chorus, a women’s a cappella vocal ensemble directed by Theresa Goodell, will take place at the Finnish American Heritage Center. The feature performance by pianist Joonas Ahonen begins at 7:30 p.m.

To conclude this year’s festival, a public reception will take place Saturday, August 2, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the Vertin Gallery, Calumet, Mich., for Sibelius Academy musicians Kaisa Koivula, clarinet, and Jukka Ojala, accordion. The duo will perform several selections. Refreshments will be served.

For information about tickets for the feature performances, visit www.finlandia.edu or contact Karen Johnson at 906-487-7348.