Let’s celebrate Finnish Independence Day together

We invite everyone in Oulu to celebrate Finnish Independence Day Eve and independence Day together!

INDEPENDENCE DAY EVE, 5 DEC 2018

Oulu Museum of Art celebrates Independence Day
9 a.m.–6 p.m. | Kasarmintie 9
Free entrance for all until 6 p.m. Celebration coffee served from 2 to 4 p.m. Museum guidance at 1 and 3 p.m. Musical performance. Organiser: Museum and Science Centre Luuppi

Independence Day pre-party at Rotuaari Pharmacy
11 a.m.–noon & 3.30 p.m.–4.30 p.m. | Kauppurienkatu 9
Emilia Aarnio performing at Rotuaari Pharmacy in honour of the 101-year-old Finland. Free entry. Organiser: Rotuaari Pharmacy

Signing of the comic book “Taivalkoskelta Ilma-taisteluihin”
noon–1 p.m. | Oulu Comics Centre, Hallituskatu 7
Veli-Matti Ural and Esa Niskanen sign copies of their brand new comic book "Taivalkoskelta Ilma-taisteluihin". Organiser: Oulu Comics Centre

Oulu drinks coffee in honour of Finland!
2 p.m. | all around Oulu
Activate your workplace, your company or other everyday community to arrange a blue-and-white coffee break for employees, customers or friends on Independence Day Eve (5 December) at 2 p.m. You can schedule the coffee break also for another suitable hour on that afternoon. The service does not have to be fancy and the mood should not be too formal – the moment together is what counts.

Independence Day pre-party
3 p.m.–5 p.m. | Oulu City Main Library, Kaarlenväylä 3
The Independence Day pre-party at the Main Library serves coffee to the people of Oulu starting at 3 p.m. The chamber musicians of Oulu Symphony perform at 4:15 p.m. in the main lobby of the library. Organiser: Oulu City Library

Oulu lights up in shades of blue and white in honour of Finland
6 p.m. | all around Oulu
Participating locations include: Valkea Shopping Centre, Oulu Theatre tower, Oulun Vesi water tower in Puolivälinkangas, Toriportti, Original Sokos Hotel Arina, Oulun Energia: Ari Tillikainen’s piece “Itsenäisyyspäivä” at the Energy Building and Leevi Lehtonen’s piece “Kuohu” on the Lamellipato dam, Tapio Rosenius’ light art piece “Ambient” in Hallituskatu, and Oulu City Hall

Music at the Gallery – Independence Day Eve gallery concert
6 p.m.–7 p.m. | Galleria Kajaste, Kajaaninkatu 25
Students of Madetoja Music High School perform classics of Finnish classical music from Sibelius to Kuula at Pekka Parviainen’s exhibition Verso. Free entry. Organiser: MABD

Lapland Military Band’s Independence Day Eve Concert
7 p.m.–9 p.m. | Oulu Music Centre, Madetojan katu 1–3
Lapland Military Band plays music from composers Klami, Merikanto and Pisto. The concert ends in Finlandia by Sibelius. Conducted by Major (Mus.) Jaakko Nurila and Captain (Mus.) Tero Haikala. Entrance fee: 11 €, tickets for sale at Ticketmaster. Organiser: Lapland Military Band

Vuoksi at Tuba
9 p.m.–11 p.m. | Tuba – Food & Lounge, Mannenkatu 2
Vuoksi group celebrates Independence Day by performing delicate pop music in Finnish. The lyrics focus on powerful stories about life. Entrance fee: 5 €. Organiser: Tuba – Food & Lounge

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INDEPENDENCE DAY, 6 DEC 2018

Ceremonial flagging throughout the city
8 a.m.—8 p.m.

Gun salute and flag hoisting in Linnansaari
9 a.m. | Linnansaari
Oulu Cathedral, Haukipudas church, Ylikiiminki church, Yli-li church, Oulujoki church, Oulunsalo church and Kiiminki church

Tribute at Oulu Cathedral Churchyard: Year 1918
Civil War Monument
9.45 a.m. | Tuomiokirkon kirkkotarha

Independence Day services at Oulu churches
10 a.m. | Oulu churches
Oulu Cathedral, Haukipudas church, Ylikiiminki church, Yli-li church, Oulujoki church, Oulunsalo church and Kiiminki church

Liturgy and Thanksgiving Prayers for Independence Day
10 a.m. | Cathedral of Holy Trinity, Torikatu 74

Independence Day celebration in Haukipudas
10 a.m.–1.30 p.m. | Haukipudas Parish Centre, Kirkkotie 10
The programme includes a ceremonial service in Haukipudas church at 10 a.m., depositing of a wreath on the soldiers’ grave, and a guard of honour. Independence Day coffee at 11.15 a.m. and Independence Day reception at noon at Haukipudas Parish Centre. Organiser: Haukipudas Parish, Haukipudas Veterans and War Invalids, and LC Haukipudas/Kello.

Tributes at the Heroes’ Monument and the monument to those fallen for their conviction at Oulu Cemetery
11.30 a.m. | Oulu cemetery

Coffee ceremony for our War Veterans at Oulu Music Centre
noon–1 a.m. | Oulu Music Centre, Preludi, Leevi Madetojan katu 1–3
Complimentary coffee ceremony for our war veterans before Oulu Symphony’s concert. Organiser: City of Oulu

“Finland101 in Oulu” Run
noon–3 p.m. | Tervaporvari Park, Koskitie 8
In honour of Finland, a 23-kilometre run on a course shaped like the outline of Finland will take place around Oulu. The run is open and free for all. Gathering at Tervaporvari Park at noon. More specific instructions and information on Facebook: Suomi101 Oulussa -juoksu. There is no official organiser for this event.

Finland101 Brunch at Puistola
noon–5 p.m. | Pakkahuneenkatu 15
Restaurant Puistola’s Independence Day brunch will be served at the street-level dining room. Let us eat and raise a toast to 101-year-old Finland! DJ Yari is in charge of the music, with jazzy Finnish vinyl tunes on his setlist. Brunch price 30€/adult. Reservations accepted non-stop between noon and 3 p.m. — fill in the arrival time of your wish in the reservation form and we will let you know if your reservation is accepted. We are open until 5 p.m. so you will have plenty of time to continue elsewhere to watch the Presidential Independence Day Reception on TV. More information and the reservation form: www.ravintolapuistola.fi. Organiser: Restaurant Puistola

Independence Day Sauna Special
noon–6 p.m. | Koivuranta Sauna Boat, Kasarmintie 51 At Koivuranta’s special Independence Day sauna, you can take a dip in an outdoor jacuzzi and of course the Oulu River. The sauna is for both men and women, so swimwear is a must. Bring your own towel and swimwear. Towels can also be rented. Entrance fee: adults 10 €, children (under 12 yrs.) 8 €. Organiser: Koivuranta Sauna

Oulu Symphony: 6.12.
1 p.m.–2.15 p.m. | Oulu Music Centre, Madetoja Hall, Leevi Madetojan katu 1–3
Even though the 101-year-old Finland is much more besides Finlandia, we will celebrate Independence Day with works that are both traditional and significant to our nation. The afternoon’s programme consists of works by Sibelius and Madetoja. Conducted by Taavi Oramo. Duration of the concert ca. 1 h 15 min. Tickets 26/21/11 € (+ processing fee). More information and tickets: www.oulusinfonia.fi. Organiser: Oulu Symphony
**Independence Day Fitness Dance**
2 p.m.–5 p.m. | Haukiputan Heiton talo, Törämäntie 15, Haukipudas
Handshaking starts at 1.30 p.m. Mulled wine and gingerbread cookies are served. The national anthem will be sung to kick off the dance. We will be dancing to the music of Sarmas band. Entrance fee 12 €. Organiser: Haukiputan Heitto veterans, Vierivät Kivet

**Independence Day’s musical prayers at Oulu Cathedral**
4.30 p.m.–5.30 p.m. | Kirkkokatu 3A
Oulu YMCA organise their traditional Independence Day’s musical prayers for the 63rd time. All of the association’s musical family will be performing: Laululifikat, Fröökynät, Ynnin Pojat, Mieslaulajat and Vaskiveikot. All profits from the event will be donated to the joint #840-siltaa project between Finnish and Lebanese YMCA:s to support Syrian refugees and Lebanese youth. Programme leaflet 5 €. Organiser: Oulu YMCA

**Students’ Torchlight Procession to the Heroes’ Monument at Oulu Cemetery**
5.30 p.m. | Oulu cemetery
The Student Union of the University of Oulu organises one of the oldest academic traditions, the Independence Day Torchlight Procession. The procession gathers at the Toripolliisi statue at 5 p.m.

**University of Oulu Choir Cassiopeia pay their singing compliments on the City Hall steps**
5.45 p.m.

**Ceremonial lighting at homes and institutions**
6 p.m.–8 p.m. | all around Oulu
Light up two candles on your window and take part in the traditional lights ceremony.

**Patriotic comics gathering**
7 p.m.–10 p.m. | Snooker Time, Asemakatu 28
This year the annual comics gathering happens to be on Independence Day. To honour the festive coincidence, Oulu Comics Centre has decided

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**OULU DRINKS COFFEE IN HONOUR OF FINLAND!**
Activate your workplace, your company or other everyday community to arrange a blue-and-white coffee break for employees, customers or friends on Independence Day Eve (5 December) at 2 p.m.

**OULU LIGHTS UP IN SHADES OF BLUE AND WHITE IN HONOUR OF FINLAND**
Illuminate or enjoy other’s illuminations from the Eve 5 December 18.00 onwards until 7 December 9.00. Festive lighting with candles at homes and public facilities on 6 December from 18 until 20.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONIAL FLAGGING DEC 6 8 A.M.–8 P.M.**

Head out to celebrate and share the atmosphere on social media with #oulujuhliisuomea