

VOX CLAMANTIS



The Grammy-winning Estonian vocal ensemble Vox Clamantis comprises a diversity of twelve singers who share their passion for Gregorian chant, early polyphony and contemporary music. Formed in 1996 by conductor Jaan-Eik Tulve, the group has been acclaimed by critics and audiences alike for their unique sound and meaningful interpretation.

The ensemble's musical thinking has its roots deep in the tradition of early European music, but also the performance of contemporary Baltic music forms a core theme within the repertoire of Vox Clamantis. Composers such as Arvo Pärt, Helena Tulve and Erkki-Sven Tüür have written and dedicated their works for Vox Clamantis.

Concert tours have taken Vox Clamantis throughout Europe, Israel, Canada, USA, Colombia including appearances at festivals such as Oslo International Church Music, Megaron Spring Athens, La Folle Journee in Nantes, Warsaw, Tokyo, Fribourg, Vale of Glamorgan, Usedom, Kissinger Sommer, Schwäbisch Gmünd, Kunstfest Corvey, RheinVokal, Musikfestspiele Saar, Kultursommer Rheinland-Pfalz, MDR Musiksommer, Watou, Trondheim, Stavanger, Mikkel, Nafplion, Sydney, Hong Kong and performances at Klangvokal Dortmund, Bruges, Sion among others.

Upcoming invitations are scheduled at Amsterdam Muziekgebouw, Rotterdam De Doelen and Gent De Bijloke, Ittingen Kartause etc.

The ensemble has also performed with a number of artists including Arianna Savall, Dhafer Youssef, Marco Ambrosini, Yair Dalal, Jean Claude Penner, Cello Octet Amsterdam, early music consort Hortus Musicus, NYDD Ensemble, Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir and Latvian Radio Choir.

Their discography includes highly praised recordings as Cyrillus Kreek: *The Suspended Harp of Babel*, *The Deer's Cry* and *Filia Sion* for ECM Records, *Sacrum Convivium* with music by Duruflé, Machaut, Poulenc, Messiaen and Gregorian chant as well as Liszt's *Via crucis* for Mirare which was awarded the Diapason d'Or.

The album "Adam's Lament" by Arvo Pärt with Tõnu Kaljuste, Latvian Radio Choir among others has won the Grammy Award in 2014. The film featuring Vox Clamantis music, *The Great Beauty* (La Grande Bellezza), received an Oscar in 2014.

ECM Records released an album with music by Henrik Ødegaard in 2023.

In 2011, Vox Clamantis and Jaan-Eik Tulve were awarded the annual prize of the Cultural Foundation of Estonia.

JAAN-EIK TULVE

Jaan-Eik Tulve is regarded as an intriguing figure of the Nordic vocal music scene. After graduating from the conservatory in Tallinn, he studied Gregorian singing at the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique et de Danse de Paris, graduating in 1993. He then worked at the CNSM as an assistant to Louis-Marie Vigne, who had a decisive influence on his musical development. He continued his studies with Daniel Saulnier from Solesmes Abbey. At the same time, Tulve founded in Paris in 1993 the 'Lac et Mel' Ensemble performing numerous concerts in Europe and Lebanon. In 1994 he developed the department for female singing of the Gregorian Choir in Paris.

Since 1996 Jaan-Eik Tulve is teaching Gregorian chant at the National Music Academy in Estonia. He has also given many courses in Gregorian chant around the globe.

For his merits to vocal music Jaan-Eik Tulve has been awarded the Order of the White Star of the Republic of Estonia, the Order of Léopold of the Kingdom of Belgium and the Order of Arts and Letters of the French Republic. Jaan-Eik Tulve was named 'Musician of the Year 2017' by the Estonian Radio.

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