

## 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 Tulse, 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 Tulse 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, Merano Festival, 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, Klangvokal Dortmund, Noirlac, Trondheim, Stavanger, Mikkeli, Nafplion, Sydney, Hong Kong, Muziekgebouw Amsterdam, De Doelen Rotterdam, De Bijloke Gent, Monaco Cathedral, Barcelona Monastery, Milano Sforzesco Castle etc.

The ensemble has also performed with a number of artists including Arianna Savall, Dhafer Youssef, Marco Ambrosini, Yair Dalal, Jean Claude Pennetier, 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. 2023 saw the release of the album Henrik Ødegaard by ECM Records as well as Graduel d'Aliénor de Bretagne by Mirare. ECM Records released a new album by Arvo Pärt in September 2025.

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.

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

## JAAN-EIK TULVE

Jaan-Eik Tulve is one of the most interesting figures on the Nordic vocal music scene. The Estonian conductor formed the ensemble 'Lac et Mel' in Paris in 1993, specializing in the performance of medieval polyphonic works. He also set up the female-voice section of the Gregorian Choir in Paris in 1994.

In 1996, Jaan-Eik Tulve founded the vocal ensemble Vox Clamantis whose repertoire ranges from early polyphony to contemporary music with a focus on the works of Baltic composers such as Arvo Pärt, Helena Tulve and Erkki-Sven Tüür. Vox Clamantis and Jaan-Eik Tulve have toured Europe, Israel, Canada, the USA and Colombia and have appeared at renowned festivals in Norway, Germany, France, Italy, Greece, Hong Kong and Australia. With the vocal ensemble he has recorded highly acclaimed albums for ECM Records. The film "The Great Beauty" (La Grande Bellezza), featuring the music of Vox Clamantis, won an Oscar in 2014.

Guest conducting engagements have taken Jaan-Eik Tulve to the Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir, Estonian National Male Choir, Helsinki Chamber Choir, Tallinn Chamber Orchestra and Hortus Musicus.

He completed his diploma studies at the Tallinn Conservatory and studied Gregorian chant at the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique et de Danse de Paris. His musical training was influenced decisively by Daniel Saulnier at Solesmes Abbey.

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