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## AFTER GRADUATION

The Sibelius Academy has offered postgraduate studies in art and research for over 30 years, and it is possible to follow doctoral studies in both church music and organ performance. In the doctoral school of church music, research areas range from the history of church music – such as liturgical musical manuscripts from the Middle Ages and the Reformation era – to present-day church music and hymn singing. Students in the Arts study doctoral programme demonstrate their proficiency in a liturgical context.

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## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CHURCH MUSIC?

Would you like to play the organ or the clavichord? The Sibelius Academy offers high-quality education in Helsinki, Finland's capital, or Kuopio, a picturesque town in central Finland. With over 160 students, the Church Music department is one of the biggest at the University of the Arts Helsinki.

The Sibelius Academy offers 5.5-year and 2.5-year degree programmes in church music, organ and clavichord studies. The 5.5-year programme includes both the bachelor's and master's degrees, while the 2.5-year master's degree programme requires a bachelor's degree.

There is a range of elective studies available. As the Sibelius Academy is part of the University of the Arts Helsinki, courses can be chosen from a wide variety of artistic fields.

The objective of the studies is to prepare you for the challenges of professional life, such as working as a church musician or an organist. The Master of Music degree also qualifies you for doctoral studies.

## CHURCH MUSIC

The Church Music study programme offers a wide range of subjects to ensure that students receive a broad education in the field. Students can major in:

- » organ accompaniment, improvisation and performance
- » vocal studies
- » choral conducting
- » liturgical music and music making in different genres
- » research or a comprehensive project in their chosen area of church music

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The Church Music programme aims to equip students with versatile and multidisciplinary skills as musicians. However, if a student's basic skills are at a high level, they will also have the opportunity to give the high-level solo performances in, for example, organ, choir conducting or vocal music.

Church music studies are intended especially for foreign students who want to gain versatile skills in church music without qualifying for the post of cantor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland. However, it is possible to qualify as cantor if the student meets the specific requirements set out by the church.

## ORGAN

The focus of organ music studies is on solo performance, improvisation and organ pedagogy. The teachers are leading Finnish artists with extensive international study and performance experience. National and international artists regularly offer master classes.

The learning environment and venues are excellent, with plenty of small, high-quality mechanical organs available in practice rooms that students can access around the clock. The Organo hall in the Helsinki Music Centre has three organs of different styles: an Italian organ from about 1740, an English romantic organ from 1894 and an organ from 1994 built in a 17th century north German style. We also have access to the organs at several churches in Helsinki and Kuopio.

## CLAVICHORD

Clavichord education is offered in Kuopio, with a selection of wonderful instruments in different styles and types at the academy's disposal. Students majoring in the organ can study the clavichord as a secondary instrument. Contemporary music and clavichord improvisation also have an important place in the study plan.