



## **Concert by Finlandia Foundation Performer of the Year 2010**

From Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota

### **Finn Hall**

Specializing in Finnish and  
Finnish-American Dance Music

**Frick Fine Arts Auditorium  
Tuesday, March 23, 7:30 P.M.**

You will find them on the web at: [www.finnhall.com](http://www.finnhall.com). Note that this event is on a weeknight two days after the Finnish program at the Scandinavian Societies March meeting. The tickets for the concert are \$15.00. Send your reservations and write your check to Sally Morton, 5532 Wilkins Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15217-1210. To make reservations to be paid at the door email: [sallymort@verizon.net](mailto:sallymort@verizon.net). Tickets are also available at the door (students with ID \$10.00).

The Scandinavian Folk Dance group is invited to meet the musicians in the auditorium before the concert, 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

The **Finn Hall** group was selected as the Finlandia Foundation Performer of the Year 2010. They visit us on their way to New Hampshire from Indiana, PA where they will have performed at IUP in the *Music in the Orendorff Commons* Series on Sunday, March 21 as part of their Eastern U.S. tour which includes performances at the Finnish Embassy in Washington, D.C. as well as in Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and Detroit.

For more than a decade, Finn Hall has been a group of musicians dedicated to preserving the feel and sounds of dances at the Finn Halls found in most Finnish-American communities from the late 1800's into the 1950's. They remain true to the original Finnish tunes and have added dances that were just coming into vogue in the 50's and 60's — like the humppa and tango. They also play a wide variety of Scandinavian music, as well as other ethnic tunes and old time dance music. Band members include Ralph Tuttila (mandolin), Cheryl Paschke (violin), Dennis Halme (accordion) and Al Reko (accordion and singing).

Finn Hall has made two tours of Finland, the latest in 2006, including performances at the prestigious Kaustinen International Folk Music Festival. They have performed at most of the national FinnFests over the past ten years, and have been a featured group at many other Finnish-American, Scandinavian and Upper Midwest folk music festivals such as the Nisswa Stamman (Nisswa, MN), the Finn Days at Ironworld (Chisholm MN), Heikinpäivä (Hancock, MI), the Northeast Accordion Fest (Minneapolis), and the annual Scandinavian Ball (St. Paul). They were a featured group on the video *The Old Finn Hall Variety Show* (1997) and on the CD *A Finnish American Christmas* (1998). In 2002 they recorded their first solo CD entitled *Reflections/Muistelmia*, and in 2009 their second CD *Tule Tansimaan/Come Dance*.