

# Arsis Youth Handbell Ensembles

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## About Youth Ensembles

Arsis Youth Ensembles started out in 1996 when the children of the chamber choir Arsis singers performed a couple of pieces at Christmas. The very same performance grew into a six-year-long cooperation. The present youth ensembles have their roots in the Arsis Handbell School. In 2003, the first students graduated from the Handbell School, and the same year, the Arsis Youth Ensemble was founded. The fourteen-member group was chosen through a contest from among 45 participants. In 2006 and 2007, other contests were held among the students who graduated that year. To date, there are four Youth Ensembles: two in Tallinn and two in Tartu.

## Discography

To date, Arsis Youth Handbell Ensembles have released two CDs.

### Music Box

- E Grieg / arr A B Sherman - Morning from Peer Gynt Suite
  
- E Grieg / arr M R Keller - In The Hall Of The Mountain King from Peer Gynt Suite
  
- J S Bach / arr B B - Kinyon Sinfonia
  
- J S Bach / arr F A - Merrett Siciliano
  
- L Boccherini / arr D R Frederick - Minuet
  
- T Albinoni / arr K McChesney - Adagio
  
- Fr Schubert / arr W H Griffin - Ave Maria
  
- D Rose / arr D E Wagner - Holiday for Strings

- D E Allured Incalzando
- K L Buckwalter - Valse les adieux
- German Folk Song / arr B W Bisbee - A German Music Box
- Swedish folk tune / arr C Mocklebust - Thy Holy Wings
- Trad / arr E Laurence - Three Estonian Folk Songs
- C W Goff - A Joyous Carillon
- A L Webber / arr D Averre - Memory from the musical Cats

– J Strauss / arr M L Thompson - Tritsch-Tratsch Polka

Performed by Arsis Youth Handbell Ensemble

Conductor Aivar Mäe

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### A Joyous Carillon" (2000)

- Johann Sebastian Bach / arr B.B. Kinyon - Pastorale
- Georg Friedrich Händel / arr F L Callahan - Largo from Xerxes
- Georg Friedrich Händel / arr F L Callahan - Sarabande from Suite No 11
- Swedish folk tune / arr C Moglebust - Thy Holy Wings
- Spiritual / arr B Ingram - Wade in de Water
- Johann Sebastian Bach / arr Fr. Merrett - Siciliano from Flute Sonata No.2
- Arnold B Sherman - Rondeau Classique
- Lew Gillis - Fleur-De-Lis
- Cathy Moglebust - Cantabile
- Karl P Harrington / arr B B Kinyon - There's a Song in the Air
- English tune / arr M.L. Thompson - Greensleeves
- Jacques Offenbach / arr F L Callahan - Barcarolle from The Tales Of Hoffmann

- Howard F Starks - Beside Still Waters
- Johann Strauss / arr M. Weston - Tritsch-Tratsch Polka
- C. W. Goff - A Joyous Carillon

Performed by Arsis Children Handbell Ensemble

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## History

### The Ensembles

1991

The conductor of chamber choir ARSIS, Aivar Mäe, stays in the US for the purpose of retraining and hears handbells for the first time. It becomes his fixed idea to found a handbell ensemble also in Estonia.

1993

The representatives of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers visit Estonia, bringing along first three octaves of bells as a present to Aivar Mäe and his choir. The idea becomes a reality - Arsis Handbell Ensemble is founded.

1995

An idea to found Arsis youth handbell ensemble arises.

1996

Nineteen teenagers come together forming Arsis Children Handbell Ensemble. All the nineteen are children of members of ARSIS chamber choir age of 5-15. The conductor of the ensemble is Aivar Mäe. First concert is given at Christmas together with older colleagues.

2002

After six years activity the youth ensemble is giving the last concert.

2003

By results of the competition a youth concert ensemble will be founded which consists of 14 pupils who all were graduated from Arsis Handbell School. The conductor of the ensemble is Aivar Mäe and the assistant is Handbell School teacher Lemme-Liis Elp.

2006

To satisfy the demand of several pupils finishing the school, a second ensemble of 13 members is created in Tallinn. The 27 members that will finally composed the two

ensemble go through a selection process aimed at choosing the most motivated and talented candidates.

2007

Two Youth Ensembles are created in Tartu to allow students who graduated from Arsis school in the city to continue practising, performing in public, and improving their musical skills.

## Passed concerts & tours

2007

U.S.A Tour: Morris Plains, NJ; Willoughby Hills, OH; Indianapolis, IN; Gardner, KS; Lincoln, NE; Cheyenne, WY; Sandy, UT; Boise, ID; Portland, OR; Beaverton, OR; San Francisco, CA; Walnut Creek, CA; Sim Valley, CA; Las Vegas, NV; Albuquerque, NM; Montgomery NE; Stillwater, OK; Murfreesboro, TN; Murfreesboro TN; Cary, NC; Lititz, PA; Perkasie, PA.

2006

Finland (Kuopio)

2005

Finland (Puumala-Kuopio)

2005

Estonian island, called Saaremaa (Kuressaare-Salme)

2001

Norway (Molde-Sunndalsora-Trondheim)

2000

Sweden (Falköping-Skara)

1999

Finland (Puumala-Kuusankoski)

1998

Estonian island, called Saaremaa (Orissaare-Kuressaare)