



*Fulbright Finland
Award Ceremony*



Reception

May 14, 2019
Commencing
17:00
Helsinki City Hall



*On the 70th Anniversary Year of the ASLA-Fulbright Program and
100th Anniversary of the Finnish-U.S. Diplomatic Relations*

*Fulbright Finland Foundation
Award Ceremony*

*Honoring
the 2019–2020 Awardees to the United States and
the 2018-2019 Awardees to Finland*



Valse Triste by Jean Sibelius
Argine Safari
Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching 2018-2019

Opening Remarks
Pia Pakarinen, Deputy Mayor for Education
City of Helsinki



Remarks on Behalf of the U.S. Government

Ambassador Robert F. Pence
Embassy of the United States of America

Remarks on Behalf of the Finnish Government

Ambassador Kirsti Kauppi
Embassy of Finland, Washington D.C.
(video greeting)

Awarding of Fulbright Finland Grant Certificates

Terhi Mölsä, Chief Executive Officer
Fulbright Finland Foundation

**Words of Thanks on Behalf of the Fulbright Finland Grantees
and Musical Performance**

For Good from “*Wicked*” and *Home* by Phillip Phillips
Argine Safari, Julia Miller and Jane Weiss
2018-2019 U.S. Grantees

Closing

Eevamari Laaksonen, Director
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Reception



Musicians' Notes on the Performances

Argine Safari, Julia Miller and Jane Weiss



Valse Triste

Valse Triste is a short orchestral work by the famous Finnish composer Jean Sibelius. The piece remains one of Sibelius's signature works. Today's performance is the piano transcription of this orchestral work, completed by Jean Sibelius himself.

For Good

For Good, from musical "Wicked", sheds light upon the meaning of finding friendship within a time of change. This song connects back to our Fulbright Grant Term, indicating how much we, as grantees, have grown together.

Wicked is an American musical that has captured the hearts of many, who resonate with the notion that friendship builds on love and trust; two themes that also align with our beloved Fulbright country, Finland.

Home

Home by Phillip Phillips describes how a certain experience can help one grow as a person, and leave one feeling reminiscent of the memories that were once had. It is a celebratory and heart-warming song that leaves the listener feeling grateful for the people in all of our lives that make certain places feel like home.