

Workshop of Georgian Singing in Finland, August 2018

Take part in a Georgian singing workshop from 9-12 August 2018 and join the thousands of voices before you that have contributed to this millennia-old folk tradition. We invite you to an exciting summer workshop in Finland. Previous musical training is not necessary, you just need willingness to learn and to have fun.

Our teacher, ethnomusician and singer Nana Mzhavanadze, is an experienced and sympathetic teacher from a long line of Georgian songmasters. Her gentle way of teaching makes it easy to find a way into these polyphonic harmonies, providing a window into an ancient and active singing tradition. We'll be studying different songs in a variety of regional styles as well as circle dances.



“When we as Georgians open our mouths to sing, our eyes are already searching for other voices to join. Within our music-making, the separation, loneliness and isolation of our complex modern day existence has no place. Only our love belongs here. Through this cherished vein, we Georgians carry all that we hold dear. The bloodline of our ancestors. The heartbeat of our nation. The secrets of our immortality. It will be my honour to share our songs with you.”

- Nana Mzhavanadze



The Georgian Singing Workshop with Nana will take place on a scenic island during the weekend of 9-12.8.2018. There will also be time to relax, swim, fish, enjoy nature walks or to go to the sauna. Many think that August is the best time to visit Finland. A historical island with exceptionally beautiful nature is a stunning environment for the Workshop. Kallioniemi Summer House with its many buildings has been offering simple accommodation for a range of summer camps for decades.

How to get there?

Kallioniemi Summer House is situated in the Sipoo Archipelago in Southern Finland, only 25 kilometers from Helsinki city center. www.kesakotikallioniemi.fi

The journey from Helsinki-Vantaa Airport (or Helsinki City) to Sipoo takes approximately half an hour by taxi or private car. Detailed instructions will be provided later on for those who need them

There is a private boat/ferry from the harbour to the Kallioniemi Summer House and it takes about 10 minutes to get there. Transfer by boat has to be arranged beforehand, so please contact us for further details.

The cost of the Georgian Singing Workshop with Nana is **220 € / person from Thursday morning to Sunday afternoon**. Accommodation with full board at Kesäkotikallioniemi including breakfast, lunch, coffee and dinner is **60 € / person / day**. Early arrival is possible on Wednesday afternoon. The Workshop starts on Thursday morning. Places are limited so advanced booking is advisable. For further information or to confirm a booking, please contact :

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