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**Tomorrow's New Dawn exhibition by Mika Taanila**  
May 24th - August 11th, 2013  
[CAM Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis](#)

**Eric Aho in the group exhibition "Woods, Lovely, Dark, and Deep"**  
May 20th - August 15th, 2013  
[DC Moore Gallery, NY](#)

**Finnish artist Johannes Sorvali at Agora Gallery**  
July 23rd - August 13th, 2013  
[Agora Gallery, NY](#)

**Scandinavian Crime Cinema - Komisarjo Palmun erehdys**  
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## First year as Consul General of Finland in New York

**Almost a year has passed since I started as Consul General of Finland in New York. Moving from one big city, Buenos Aires, to another big city hasn't required that much adaptation, especially since I've already lived in New York earlier.**

However, the adjustment to various job responsibilities has been a bit more challenging. Instead of concentrating on political issues, the key focus areas here in New York are commercial matters such as supporting Finnish companies, attracting investments to Finland; cultural programs; consular issues and collaboration with Finnish-American organizations.



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## Finland - the Promised Land of Summer Festivals

**The Finns are blessed with three summer months filled with a great variety of summer festivals. Everybody is guaranteed to find events that tickle their taste buds.**

If you are looking for some urban sounds, try the Flow Festival in Helsinki. In case opera or folk music are more your style Savonlinna Opera Festival or Kaustinen Folk Music Festival are worth checking out. You can also head to Lapland in June for the Midnight Sun Film Festival or stay in the south and take a full advantage of the Helsinki Festival in August. Here are some of the most loved Finnish festivals as well as a few peculiar newcomers.



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## [AFI Silver Theatre, MD](#)

**Video screening by Arttu Merimaa and other contemporary Finnish artists**  
August 13, 2013

[Residency Unlimited, NY](#)

**Wow Hoop (Vau vanne) baby circus**

August 16th, 2013

[Scandinavia House, NY](#)

**Natali Karppinen's artwork in "Portals of Perception" at Agora Gallery**

August 16th - September 5th, 2013

[Agora Gallery, NY](#)

**Scandinavian Crime Cinema - Tulitikkutehtaan tyttö**

August 18th - August 20th, 2013

[AFI Silver Theatre, MD](#)

**Race Horse Company: "Petit Mal" as Part of the International Contemporary Circus Festival**

August 19th - August 20th, 2013

[Marcus Garvey Park, NY](#)

**Scandinavian Crime Cinema - Ariel**

August 25th - 28th, 2013

[AFI Silver Theatre, MD](#)

**Scandinavian Crime Cinema - Raid**

September 7th - 9th, 2013

[AFI Silver Theatre, MD](#)

**Scandinavian Crime Cinema - Kahdeksan surmanluotia**

September 8th, 2013

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## Wow Hoop circus performance for infants

Wow Hoop (Vau vanne) baby circus familiarizes parents and infants with the joy of circus. Through soft movements, acrobatics and circus tricks parents learn to interact more with their infants. Pioneer of Baby circus Mette Ylikorva brings her cutting performances and workshops to New York's Scandinavia House in August.

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## Enjoy the best of "Nordic Noir"

Whether in film, television or book publishing, the Scandinavian crime genre-"Nordic noir"-has never been hotter, both at home and across the world. The Scandinavian Crime Cinema series presents some of the best films in the genre from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

AFI Silver Theatre in Silver Springs Maryland is hosting the Scandinavian Crime Cinema series from July 3rd to September 19th. The movies featured are both classics as well as more modern best-selling blockbusters.

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## The Embassy of Finland in Washington D.C. receives more art to its collection

The Embassy of Finland in Washington D.C. had the privilege to receive David Carlson's and Betsy Stewart's video installation "Water Quilt" as a donation.

The video installation was part of the "SILENCE Exhibition" hosted by the embassy earlier in the summer. The installation is the first American piece of art to be admitted to the Embassy's collection.

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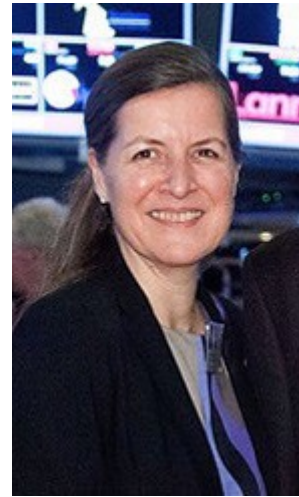
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*"We bring together European and American businesses, and explain how to do business on the other side of the Atlantic."*

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## Insight Finland: Wrong Questions

**Val Kratzman writes a monthly blog on the Finland in the U.S. Newsletter "Insight Finland" about Finpro U.S. operations, Finnish companies and innovation, as well as other interesting notions about maneuvering in the local business ecosystem.**

There are two questions, well two that I can think of immediately, and that I find most frustrating as they tend to be wrong questions, or maybe I should say mis-framed questions. 1. Where are the opportunities for companies in the US; and, in my case, the US healthcare market? And, 2. why do companies fail?

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## Fulbright to the Fullest: Taking Care of your Neighbors the Finnish Way

**Karen Lee is a Social Studies Teacher at Thurgood Marshall Academy in Washington, D.C. who spent 7 months in Finland as a part of the Fulbright Program.**

When I first landed in Helsinki 7 months ago, the arrival gate doors open up and I saw Marianna (a Finnish Fulbrighter who was in Washington D.C. during the fall semester) smiling and waving at me like a friend I had known for years. My fears melted away as I eagerly returned the ear-to-ear grin, and set out on this adventure. In that moment, I felt cared for.

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## My Finternship: An IT guy at the Green Embassy

**Mikael Fred studies information technology at Haaga-Helia School of Applied Sciences and this month it is his turn to share his Finternship experience.**

When I first saw the job posting for an IT-intern at the Embassy of Finland in Washington D.C. on my university's internal website I had no idea how much responsibility I would have during my internship. I started my 5 month long internship in the beginning of January and already on my first day I learned that I was the first intern in the IT department of any Finnish embassy ever and I made it my goal not to be the last!



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