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## Video games get their own music festival in Helsinki, Finland

**Helsinki Game Music Festival is the first video game music festival to be organized in Finland. The event will take place on May 5th, 2018 in the Helsinki Hall of Culture. Fans of video games get to see live five artists known for game music from Finland, the Netherlands, and Japan.**

The Finnish game music concert scene is developing rapidly. In 2013, the first full-length concert for video games was performed by Quinsonitus. A year later was born Unreality, the first choir dedicated to music from films, TV, games, and anime. Last year saw the debut of Game Music Collective, the first professional game music orchestra in Finland and Europe. Now all three will perform at Helsinki Game Music Festival.

*“Game Music Collective’s wildly popular debut concert at Finlandia Hall showed that game music is a significant part of our popular culture. The game music audience needs their own orchestra and festival”, says Game Music Collective’s founder and cellist **Lukas Stasevskij**. “Game Music Collective will also perform in Tampere Hall on May 26th and in Turku’s Logomo on May 29th.”*

Artists from overseas include the Dutch pianist Ramon van Engelenhoven, who has performed in Finland previously as well, and the Japanese acoustic band Meine Meinung, who has toured its home country with orchestras, among others.

The festival is also an opportunity for any musician to play game music on the festival’s small stage. You can still sign up, and everyone from beginners to professionals is welcome to join regardless of their level of playing.

The festival is produced by Game Harmony Ltd, a Finnish company specializing in game music concerts.

**Tickets:** <https://www.ticketmaster.fi/artist/helsinki-game-music-festival-lippuja/994342>

**Website:** <https://gameharmony.com/concerts/helsinki-game-music-festival/>

**Media kit:** <https://gameharmony.com/photos-for-media.zip>

**Facebook event page:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/594091190983183/>

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