

THE HELSINKI CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

HELSINKI, FINLAND

One of the most revered classical music halls in the Finnish capital is located in the Helsinki Conservatory of Music in Ruoholahti. The hall seats 515 people, and has received much praise for its acoustics.

Tuukka Törneblom, who is in charge of the hall's technical use, says it has excellent audibility all through it, and the acoustics are vivacious. "The hall is pleasant for smaller, classical ensembles, but due to its reverberant properties it isn't the most complementary performance space for a symphony orchestra", Mr Törneblom notes.

Aside from the concert hall the Conservatory also accommodates a smaller Chamber Music Hall. This hall does not have fixed seating, which is why it can easily be converted for a number of different uses, such as lectures and meetings, or a rehearsal space for a choir or an orchestra. The chamber music hall seats up to 80 people.

Client	Helsinki Conservatory of Music Foundation
Started	1996
Opened	1999
Project type	New construction
Architect	Architects Stefan Ahlman, head architect Stefan Ahlman
Services by Akukon	Acoustical design
Akukon's team	Principal consultants: Henrik Möller and Tapio Lahti
Total cost of project	appr. € 14 million

