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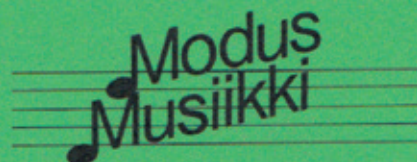
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**Mikko Nisula** (s. 1974) on opiskellut musiikkitiedettä Helsingin yliopistossa, sävellystä Pietarin konservatoriossa professori Boris Tischenkon johdolla, sekä täydentänyt opintojaan belgialaisen säveltäjän Philippe Boesmansin mestarikurssilla. Hän on toimittanut vuodesta 2007 lähtien Fredrik Paciuksen (1809-91) koottuja näyttämöteoksia. Säveltäjänä Nisulaa voidaan luonnehtia lähinnä uusromantikoksi tai impressionistiksi, joka on kuitenkin valmis omaksumaan tyyliinsä muitakin vaikutteita, aina kulloisenkin sävellyksen ja sen aihepiirin mukaan. (Nisulan keskeisiä teoksia ovat ooppera *Tähtisilmä* (2010-17), *Pianokonsertto* (2018), *Sinfonia concertante* (2009), kantaatti *Myrsky* (2006), sekä 5 orkesterifantasiaa, joista tunnetuin on *Vellamon neidot* (2016). Mainintansa ansaitsevat myös 5 laulusarjaa, 3 kamarikonserttoa, sekä 4 sonaattia harmonikalle.

*Neljä konserttietydiä*, op. 43, syntyi Harmonikansoiton Opettajat Ry:n tilauksesta alkuvuodesta 2019. Jokaisessa kappaleessa on otettu esille joitain soittoteknisiä asioita. Ensimmäisessä etydissä ranteen tulee olla rento ja paljetekniikan kunnossa, toisessa harjoitetaan piilopolyfoniaa ja vasemman käden tekniikkaa. Kolmas etydi esittelee puolestaan impressionistista tyyliä bitonaalisine tehokeinoineen, jolloin etusijalle nousee nyanssien herkkyyks ja kokonaisuudon rakentamisen taito. Neljäs etydi keskittyy sointutoistojen ohella nopeisiin juoksutuksiin, joista ei voi helposti selvitä ilman luovaa sormittamista, myös sormia 4 ja 5 hyödyntäen.

Jokainen etydi on samalla myös vapaa fantasia tai karaktäärikappale, vaikkakin ilman tarkkaa ohjelmallista otsikointia. Lisäksi ajatuksenani oli kerätä yhteen harmonikan alkuaikojen konserttikappaleiden tyypillisiä ideoita ja synnyttää niiden pohjalta uutta musiikkia.

Mikko Nisula

**Mikko Nisula** (b. 1974) studied musicology at Helsinki University and composition at Saint-Petersburg Conservatory with professor Boris Tischenko. Later he completed his studies in a master-class with the Belgian composer Philippe Boesmans. Since 2007, he has been working on the critical edition of Fredrik Pacius's (1809-1891) Complete Works of Musical Drama. As a composer, Nisula can be characterized as a neoromantic, who has also absorbed into his music various other stylistic influences, according to the mood and subject of the each composition.

Among his central works are the opera *Tähtisilmä* (*Starry-eyed girl*) (2010-17), *Piano Concerto* (2018), *Sinfonia concertante* (2009), a cantata *Myrsky* (*The Storm*) (2006) and 5 orchestral fantasies, of which the most well known is *Vellamon neidot* (*Vellamo's Maidens*) (2016). Worth of mentioning are also 3 chamber concertos, 5 song cycles with different instrumental combinations and 4 sonatas for accordion.

*Four Concert Etudes*, op. 43, was written on commission by The Finnish Association for Accordion Teachers during the first half of the year 2019. Each of these pieces showcases certain playing techniques. In the First Etude the accordionist must have a relaxed wrist and good bellow technique. The Second Etude concentrates on hidden polyphony and on some playing techniques of the left hand. The Third Etude introduces an impressionistic compositional style, with some bitonal effects, when it is important that the player has a sense of delicate nuances and an ability to construct musical forms in performance. The Fourth Etude concentrates on chord repetitions and also on fast passages. Then the accordionist should be able to conceive his or her own well suitable fingerings, including the use of the fourth and the fifth fingers.

But each etude is at the same time a free fantasy or a character piece, albeit without any strict extra-musical titles. My idea was also to collect together certain typical ideas of older accordion music and make of them some new music.

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<b>Etyde No.1</b> <i>Allegro vivace</i>	ca: 1:30
<b>Etyde No.2</b> <i>Allegretto con molto</i>	ca: 3:00
<b>Etyde No.3</b> <i>Adagietto</i>	ca: 2:15
<b>Etyde No.4</b> <i>Allegro moderato</i>	ca: 2:05

Duration of whole suite is about 9:00 minutes

# "Four concert etudes"

Nº:1

- For accordion solo -  
(2019)

**Allegro vivace, ma calmo.** (♩=ca.144)

Mikko Nisula,  
op.43

Accordion

(clarinet) *Sempre leggero* *simile*

*p, semplice e elevato*

*Un poco*

B.B. (Loco)

*sempre legato*

*cresc.*

*mf* *dim.*

**Rit. A tempo, misterioso.**

(loco)

*pp, ma sempre cresc.*



(Bellows shake)

Intensivo

*Rit. A tempo, come prima.*

N<sup>o</sup>: 2

Allegretto con moto. (♩ = ca. 116)

♩

Accordion

*mp, sempre scherzando*

[B.B.] ☹

5

*mf*

10

*mp*

15

*Poco a poco cresc.*

No: 3

Adagietto. (♩ = ca. 66)

Accordion

Handwritten musical score for the first system of 'Adagietto'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff begins with a circled '1' above it. The music is in 4/4 time and features a melody with a triplet of eighth notes. The bass staff provides a simple accompaniment. The tempo marking is 'Adagietto' with a quarter note equal to approximately 66 beats per minute. The dynamic marking is 'p, ma festivo'. A circled 'B.B.' is written below the first measure.

Handwritten musical score for the second system of 'Adagietto'. It consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a circled '5' above it. The music continues with the melody and accompaniment. The tempo marking is 'Sognando, poco rubato.' and the dynamic marking is 'mp'. A circled 'Non rubato.' with an asterisk is written above the final measure. The dynamic marking changes to 'p' in the final measure.

Rit.---

Handwritten musical score for the third system of 'Adagietto'. It consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a circled '10' above it. The music features a series of chords in the treble staff and a melodic line in the bass staff. The tempo marking is 'Rit.---' and the dynamic marking is 'dim - - - pp'. A circled '(poco)' is written above the final measure.

A tempo.

Handwritten musical score for the fourth system of 'Adagietto'. It consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a circled '15' above it. The music continues with the melody and accompaniment. The tempo marking is 'A tempo.' and the dynamic marking is 'mp, festivo'. A circled '3' is written above the final measure.



No: 4

*Allegro moderato, ma volando. (♩. = ca. 92)*

Accordion

*p, sempre lirico*

B.B.

*cresc.*

*mf*



# Musiikkia harmonikalle – *Music for Accordion*

## Sooloteoksia – *Solo Works*

Kalevi Aho:	Sonaatit 1–2 harmonikalle/Sonatas 1–2 for accordion <sup>4)</sup>	M112
	Sonaatti kahdelle harmonikalle/Sonata for two accordions (1983/1989) <sup>5)</sup>	M189A
	Parts for Accordion I– II	M189B–C
Kaj-Erik Gustafsson:	Missa Brevis harmonikalle/Missa Brevis for acc. (2005) <sup>1)</sup>	M158
Ikkela Merja:	Flora – 12 karakteristista kappaletta harmonikalle/ Flora – 12 Characteristic pieces for accordion (2015)	M202
Inkeri Jaakkola:	Kolme kappaletta harmonikalle/Three easy pieces for accordion	M193
Unto Jutila:	Sävellyksiä harmonikalle/Compositions for accordion <sup>2)</sup>	M154
Timo-Juhani Kyllönen:	Sonatina for accordion op.11	M040
Matti Murto:	Dona eis pacem, sacred music for accordion <sup>1)</sup>	M160
	Pieni sarja–Meditaatio harmonikalle/Little suite & Meditation for accordion <sup>1)</sup>	M034
	Kesäkuvia harmonikalle/Images of Summer for the accordion <sup>2)</sup>	M067A
	Partita for accordion (1998) <sup>3)</sup>	M124
	Pelimannin penkillä I, kansanlaulusovituksia harmonikalle/ Finnish Folksongs for accordion <sup>2)</sup>	M147
	Pelimannin penkillä II, suom. polskia harmonikalle/ Finnish Reel tunes for accordion <sup>2)</sup>	M148
	Suomalainen sarja harmonikalle/Finnish suite fo Accordion (2014) <sup>2)</sup>	M195
Mikko Nisula:	Sonata No. 1 for accordion "Fantasies" op. 17 (revised version 2012)	M186
	Sonata No. 2 for accordion "Emanations" op. 22	M187
	Four Concert Etudes for Accordion (2019)	M213
	Sonata No. 3 "The Phoenix" for accordion (2013)	M214
	Sonata No. 4 "Mucha's flowers" for accordion (2018)	M215
Outi Tarkiainen:	... ja alkoivat laulaa /...and they began to sing, for solo accordion (2015)	M201

## Kamarimusiikkia – *Chamber music*

Arr. Béatrice Berne & Vincent Lhermet	Irlantilasia tuulia klarinettille ja harmonikalle (2012) <sup>6)</sup>	M191
	Winds from Ireland for clarinet and accordion (2012) <sup>6)</sup>	
	Vents d' Irlande et d' Ailleurs pour clarinette et accordéon (2012)	M191
Susanne Kujala:	Eläinten kokous 1–3 harmonikalle/Meeting at the Zoo for 1–3 accordion	M138
Timo-Juhani Kyllönen:	Unelmajuna harmonikalle ja viululle/Dream train for vl & acc.	M042
Matti Murto:	Divertimento for violin, cello and accordion (rev.version 2013)	M009
	Kaksi kalevalaista kuvaa klarinettille ja harmonikalle (2012) <sup>6)</sup>	M196
	Two Visions from Kalevala for clarinet and accordion (2012) <sup>6)</sup>	M196
	Konsertto nro 1 harmonikalle, lyömäsoittimille ja jousiork. Ariel/ Concerto No. 1 for accordion, percussions and strings "Ariel" <sup>2)</sup>	M126A score
	Concerto No. 1 chamber music version for acc. perc. and piano	M126B
	Concerto No. 2 for accordion and string orchestra "Finnish Pictures"	M206A score
	Konsertto nro 2 harmonikalle ja jousiork. "suomalaisia kuvia"	M206B acc. & pf
	Kvintetto harmonikalle ja jousikvartetille "Talvimyrskyjä"	M178A score
	Quintet for accordion and string quartet "Winter Storms" <sup>3)</sup>	M178C parts
	Kolme laulua Kantelettaren runoihin sopr. & lapinrummulle ja harmonikalle	M198
	Three songs for sopr.& magician drum and accordion (2014) text. Kanteletar	M198
	Polskafantasioita kahdelle harmonikalle <sup>7)</sup>	M184
	Reel Fantasies for two accordions score & parts <sup>7)</sup>	
	Tanssillinen sarja viululle ja harmonikalle/Dancing Suite for vl and acc. <sup>2)</sup>	M028
	Trio No. II for violin, cello and accordion	M54B
	Täällä pohjantähden alla, 12 kansanlaulusovitusta vl. vlc. acc./	M116
	Under The North Star, 12 Finnish folk songs for vl. vcl and acc. <sup>2)</sup>	M116
	Viisi suom. kansansäv. harmonikalle. ja jousiork./	M205A score
	Five Finnish Folk tunes acc. & strings	M205B acc. & pf
Ari-Matti Saira:	Astory for violin. piano, accordion and contrabass	M031
Heikki Valpola:	Kolme tanssia sellolle ja harmonikalle/Three dances for vlc and acc. <sup>1)</sup>	M027
	Kosketuksia kahdelle harmonikalle/Contacts for two accordions <sup>1)</sup>	M141
	Ludit for violin, cello and accordion <sup>1)</sup>	M024
	Marilina for piano and accordion <sup>1)</sup>	M026
	Tulenteko harmonikalle, pianolle ja lyömäsoittimille/	M025
	To make a fire for accordion, piano and percussion <sup>1)</sup>	