

FinnFest USA coming to Detroit in 2019

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FinnFest USA is pleased to announce that the 2019 festival will be held on September 19 – 22, 2019 in the Detroit metro-region, home to the second largest Finnish-American population in the USA. FinnFest USA and local Southeastern Michigan Finnish-Americans are creating a pop-up town providing education, eating, touring, shopping and entertainment, all in one fun-filled weekend. Three local Finnish organizations are assisting: the Finnish Center in Farmington Hills, the Finn Camp in Wixom, and the Finlandia Foundation-Michigan. FinnFest USA 2019 will begin Thursday morning with all-day sessions for those who can come early. Salolampi will hold an adult class at Finn Camp. Other options will include a labor history forum, cooking classes, and a genealogy seminar. On Thursday evening, the 2019 festival will officially begin with an Opening Convocation at the historic Farmington Civic Theatre. Friday and Saturday will include two full days and evenings with a variety of cultural options designed to please everyone. People of all ages and interests can experience Finnish and Finnish-American music in its many forms, stimulating classes and lectures, and food ranging from the casual and familiar to elegant dining.

The Sheraton Detroit Novi will be the central headquarters for the festival (marketplace), classrooms, and small concert venues. The hotel site, two miles from the Finnish Center and about ten miles from Finn Camp, will make for easy transitioning to the dances, food, and concerts occurring at their sites in the evening. Sunday will offer both art and history-centered field trips as well as family-centered outdoor activities at Finn Camp. The Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel, conveniently located to major highways, has a large, free parking lot.

FinnFest USA registration will open in February along with registration for a block of sleeping rooms at the Sheraton. Rooms are limited and may sell out. FinnFest recommends making your reservations early. Festival details will be posted at <https://finnfest.us>. While we will continue to write press releases each month, please watch for more timely updates on the FinnFest USA website and on the FinnFest USA facebook page.