

Dani Juris (FI)

He is a Finnish choral conductor born in 1984 in Moscow to a family with South American, Middle Eastern, British and Central European ancestry.

He became involved with choral music early in his childhood, when he joined the Helsinki Cathedral Boys' Choir Cantores Minores. Later on, his vocal ensemble gained several prizes at the renowned youth music competition *Jugend Musiziert*. He has studied conducting with J. Siven at the Helsinki Polytechnic Stadia, with J. Prinz at the University of Music and Dramatic Arts in Graz (Austria) and with M. Hyökki at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki. Besides choral conducting, he has also studied the piano and the harp.

His conducting appointments range from a cappella music to large-scale choral works such as Bach's St John's Passion and Mozart's Requiem. In March 2009, he won the first prize at the 5th International Competition for Young Choral Conductors in Ljubljana (Slovenia). In addition, he was awarded the prize for the youngest finalist and was chosen as the best conductor by three of the choirs at the competition. In June 2009 he was awarded the conductor's prize at the Tampere Vocal Music Festival. In Helsinki he conducts the internationally acclaimed Kaamos Chamber Choir, which he founded in 2007, and the student choir SOL. He has also worked with, among others, the Lahti Opera Chorus, the Tampere Philharmonic Choir and the RTV Chamber Choir Slovenia. He works frequently as a rehearsal pianist in the Helsinki area as well as abroad.



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