

Päivi Severeide is the principal harpist of the Turku Philharmonic Orchestra, the university harp teacher of the Sibelius Academy University of the Arts and the principal harpist of the Avanti! -Chamber Orchestra. She studied at the Sibelius Academy with Reija Bister and Arielle Valibouse and at the Freiburg Musikhochschule with Sarah O'Brien. After being chosen as a young soloist with the Finnish Radio Orchestra in 2004 she has been playing as a soloist with numerous Finnish orchestras, for instance Finnish National Opera Orchestra, Turku Philharmonic Orchestra, Ostrobothnian Chamber Orchestra, Oulu Symphony and Kuopio Symphony Orchestra, Kymi Sinfonietta, Pori Sinfonietta and Avanti! Chamber Orchestra. As being dedicated for contemporary music, her premieres and repertoire include many solos and chamber pieces, as she plays chamber music in various ensembles like her trio Ensemble Transparent for flute, viola and harp which released their Finnish music recording in 2020. Severeide has played as an orchestra musician with most of the orchestras in Norway, Sweden and Finland. She is also a regular guest in many festivals, and has performed in Naantali Music Festival, Kimito Island, Hauho and Avanti! Summersounds to mention a few. Päivi Severeide is devoted to teaching and is having an internationally successful harp class at the Sibelius Academy, where Emmanuel Ceysson is the current guesting harp professor. Päivi Severeide is the artistic director of the Helsinki Harp Festival.