

# UMO ANNUAL REPORT 2016

UMO JAZZ Orchestra's year 2016 had its fair share of high points. The orchestra performed a total of 106 concerts at public events, free and private events. The concerts were of high artistic quality and showcased a wide variety of jazz and related genres from Finland and abroad.

YEAR'S PROGRAM placed an emphasis on Finnish and new music. During the year UMO commissioned a total of 3 compositions as well as 45 new arrangements for big band. The share of Finnish music in the band's oeuvre for 2016 was 39 %.

IN ADDITION to Finnish music, UMO Jazz Orchestra hosted some of the year's most interesting foreign artists. In 2016, the orchestra featured performances with singer Nicole Willis (USA/FIN), singer Dean Bowman (USA), Grammy-winning saxophonist Joshua Redman (USA) and Lebanese trumpeter Ibrahim Maalouf. One of the most successful concerts of the year was a tribute concert to Amy Winehouse, with original band members of Winehouse's band.

IN 2016 some 22 000 people attended UMO's concerts or other events. UMO also reached an additional few hundred thousand people via concert recordings broadcast on TV and radio.

UMO IS active in audience education and engagement, organizing school concerts,

presentations of works and matinee concerts aimed especially at seniors.

IN ADDITION to 16-piece big band, UMO's staff includes five employees, who are responsible for the administration and organization of the UMO Foundation, as well as the operative running of the orchestra. The orchestra's chief conductor for 2016 was Kirmo Lintinen.

UMO JAZZ Orchestra is a member of Association of Finnish Symphony Orchestras, Finnish Jazz Federation, European Music Circle and European Jazz Network.

UMO JAZZ Orchestra receives grant money from the City of Helsinki (47,5 %) and Ministry of Education and Culture (31,5 %). Other income (21 %) consists of ticket sales, grants from private foundations, compensations for radio recordings and other performance-related fees. The foundation's expenses came out to 1 779 765 euros, of which 73 % were staff-related.

THE FINANCIAL situation of UMO foundation is very serious. In 2016 the operating loss was 51 500 euros and the foundation's equity run out. The co-operation negotiations have started with the employees to secure the existence in 2017.

## 22 156

UMO REACHED 22 156 LISTENERS

## 106

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## 39 %

39 % OF UMO'S REPERTOIRE WAS FINNISH

## 79

UMO IS ONE OF FINLAND'S MOST SIGNIFICANT EMPLOYERS OF JAZZ MUSICIANS: IN 2016 UMO WORKED WITH 79 FREELANCE ARTISTS

### WHAT IS UMO JAZZ ORCHESTRA?

UMO - Uuden Musiikin Orkesteri (Orchestra for New Music) is Helsinki-based professional big band employing top musicians.

UMO's repertoire consists of a wide variety of jazz and new rhythm-oriented music.

UMO was founded in 1975.

UMO Jazz Orchestra is administered by the UMO Foundation