



photo by susan wilson

The Swedish Fulbright Commission
presents

JENNY VÄITALO Viola

with **ELIKO AKAHORI** Piano

In recital
Monday, March 6, 2006, at 18.00 hours

Finska Kyrkan
Slottsbacken 2B-2C,
The Old Town (*Gamla Stan*)
Reception to follow

J.S Bach	Sonata no 1 in G major
Paul Hindemith	Sonata 1939
Christopher Theofanidis	Flow my Tears
Johannes Brahms	Sonata op. 120 no 1

Violist **Jenny Väitalo** was awarded a Fulbright grant for studies at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, considered the best school in the world for string studies. She is a candidate for the Master of Music degree in Viola Performance in May 2006. Her teachers include American Fulbrighter and violist Carol Rodland and conductor Benjamin Zander.

Jenny has participated in master classes and workshops with the foremost teachers and performers from four continents. She has performed in concerts as a soloist and chamber/orchestra musician in Europe and the United States. In 2005 she was awarded a full scholarship to participate in the music festival at the Heifetz International Music Institute.

Previous music education include degrees from *Musikkonservatoriet* in Falun 1999 and a Bachelor of Music degree from *Edsbergs Musikinstitut/Royal College of Music* in Stockholm 2003.

Pianist **Eliko Akahori** has performed as a soloist, chamber musician, and collaborative pianist to great acclaim on four continents. She is a prize winner in several competitions, including first prize in the 2003 Coleman Chamber Ensemble Competition. Eliko is currently pursuing her Doctorate in collaborative piano at the New England Conservatory of Music, where she completed a Master of Music degree in Music Theory in 1999.

While pursuing her Bachelor's degree at the Kunitachi College of Music in Japan, she was the winner of both the Yamaha Young Artist's Award and the Yomiuri Musician's Award in the same year, graduating with Academic Honors and highest Distinction in Performance.



photo by susan wilson