

Report from the Edvard Grieg Society of America, by Sylvia Eckes

There are six Edvard Grieg societies in America, four of which have been formed since 2015:
the Edvard Grieg Society of America, based in Florida
the Edvard Grieg Society of the Great Lakes; based in Indiana
the Edvard Grieg Society of the Dakotas, based in North Dakota
the Northwest Edvard Grieg Society, based in Washington

They are non-profit organizations and have already organized concerts, festivals, and established websites and Facebook pages. They were organized by performers who were inspired by the impact of the 2015 Grieg Festival in Florida and wanted to continue activities in their regions that included all-Grieg concerts, presentations, and competitions. The new societies are focusing on forming alliances with the two established societies, the Edvard Grieg Society of New York and the Edvard Grieg Society of Minnesota that will produce significant projects that bring Grieg to the public in many parts of the country.

Highlights during the past two years include participation by many of the best-known Grieg performers and scholars. They include a two-day 10th anniversary celebration of the EGS Minnesota in Minneapolis, performances and master classes with the Norwegian baritone Njal Sparbo's at colleges in Indiana in 2016, and for a two-day Grieg Festival entitled "Salzbergen" in 2017 at Goshen College in Indiana, two pre-college piano competitions at Rollins College in Florida which offered \$1,000 to the winners and public performances, Grieg concerts presented by two doctoral candidates at University of Michigan and University of Colorado, a string competition by the EGS Minnesota offering cash prizes of up to \$1,500 and performances to winners. a lecture-recital on Grieg's songs at Northern State University in South Dakota, performances and master classes for a Grieg Day at Ohio University, a concert of songs and piano music of Grieg at Pacific Lutheran University, a recording of Grieg songs and piano music, a recital of Nordic composers including Grieg at University of Wisconsin, Racine, and a song recital including Grieg at Eastern New Mexico University.

We hope you will visit the web sites and Facebook pages to learn about our ongoing activities or visit edvardgriegusa.org where the events are listed.

February 24, 2017: Ohio University School of Music, Athens, OH, All-Grieg Piano Recital and Master Class