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HIITE - MAAMMO  
"ARCHAIC TONES AND INTENSE FEELINGS"

The archaic music ensemble Hiite releases its first album "Maammo" on July 16, 2009 at the Kaustinen Folk Music Festival. The release-concert is to be held at Pelimannitalo, starting at 9:30 p.m. The album is released on Ääniä Records, and has been recorded by Taito Hoffrén.

Hiite is an ethnic music ensemble founded in 2006. The group's repertoire is based on the traditions of the Finno-Ugrian people. The material is often taken from archive recordings. The ensemble's music has been described as minimalist, but multifarious and rich in nuances. Hiite is four musicians playing jouhikko (the bowed lyre), kantele, mouth harp and various wind instruments. The soundscapes span from familiar Karelia to the northern tundras of Siberia.

Hiite tries to understand and recreate the principles of archaic music. For the playing and singing, the musicians also immerse themselves in the many ways of the music culture in question. The elements found in the traditions are cherished, but also combined and applied in new ways. This kind of approach makes it possible to compose new "archaic" music.

Anne-Mari Hakamäki: *voice, jouhikko (the bowed lyre)*

Matti Hakamäki: *voice, kantele*

Kirsi Ojala: *voice, wooden horn, härjedalspipa, mänkeri (the wooden clarinet), tenor recorder, jouhikko, wooden percussions*

Sanne Tschirpke: *voice, härjedalspipa, paimensoittu, tenor recorder, low D whistle, mouth harp, cow bells*

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## MORE INFORMATION

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