

## City of Hancock Finnish Theme Committee Heikinpäivä Costume Collection Inventory

St Urho – 6 pieces

Green pants

Green Tunic

Purple cape with fur trim and grapes

Green hat with fur trim and grapes (2 sets)

Purple & multi-colored sash

pitchfork

A Finnish-American folk character. He chased the grasshopper out of Finland. - St. Urho should pursue the grasshopper with the pitchfork.

Companion costume - grasshopper.

Grasshopper – 3 pieces

Green snowsuit with attached cape (wings)

Arms green with black leather gloves

Green head cover

St. Urho chased the grasshoppers out of Finland. The grasshopper should prance around the street always a few steps ahead of St. Urho and his pitchfork.

-Companion costume - St. Urho. The wearer needs to be fairly small in size.



St Lucia – 5 pieces + 7 batteries are needed for crown and candle

White dress

White tunic with iridescent fringe

Red velvet belt

Crown with 5 electric candles attached

Electric candle with red bow & bell attached

St. Lucia is a Swedish tradition, which has come to Finland as well. Her feast day is Dec. 13th, when the eldest daughter serves coffee and saffron buns to the parents in bed. Her white frock represents purity, the red sash - a martyr's death and the crown of candles - Christ's light to the world. Lucia should be graceful and smiling.

- Companion costume - Joulupukki (the Finnish Santa Claus)

Joulupukki – 2 pieces

Red velvet cape

Red velvet hat

beard

walking stick

Joulupukki is the Finnish Santa Claus. He can pound his stick and ask, "Onko täällä hyviä lapsia?" (Are there any good children here?)

-Companion costume - St. Lucia



Väinämöinen – 8 pieces

Cream colored pants

Tan tunic with red accents

Navy blue hat with white yarn wig attached

White yarn beard and mustache

Jawbone-shaped kantele

suede shoe covering

A character from the Kalevala. He is old, actually born hundreds of years old. He plays in Finnish harp, the kantele, and sings the ancient songs. He should appear robust and outgoing.  
Companion costumes - Louhi, Lemminkäinen and Lemminkäinen's mother, Magic Sampo and the Swan of Tuonela

- Louhi – 5 pieces - attached jewelry
- Fuzzy beige pants
- Long green/tan Dress
- Feathered tunic with attached chains & jewelry
- Set of wings with 2 wooden sticks
- Red yarn wig with feathers & chains attached

From the Kalevala, Louhi is the "gapped-tooth hag of the North". She is cunning and greedy. In the Kalevala she turns into an eagle and attacks Väinämöinen and his companions in a boat. She should pursue Väinämöinen and the other Kalevala characters, demanding the Sampo, her magic mill.

- Companion pieces - Väinämöinen, Lemminkäinen & Lemminkäinen's mother, the Magic Sampo and the Swan of Tuonela and Louhi



### Lemminkäinen

- Tunic (with stitches)
- Pants (with stitches)



- Skullcap
- Puukko
- Face mask (with stitches)
- Detachable hands and arms (2)
- Detachable ear

Called the "wanton lover-boy" Lemminkäinen is always off chasing women, which finally gets him in big trouble. He ends up being cut to pieces and thrown in the River of the Dead. His faithful mother rakes his body from the river bottom, sews him back together and brings him back to life. Naughty Lemminkäinen tries to make passes at the girls, young and not-so-young alike, only to have his meddling mother step in. Mom tries to rein him in by grabbing him by the ear, only to have it fall off.

- Companion pieces - Lemminkäinen's mother; Väinämöinen, & the Magic Sampo and the Swan of Tuonela and Louhi

### Lemminkäinen's Mother

- linen-colored tunic
- green/black plaid skirt
- red shawl
- red/black apron
- white piece, pinned (for the neck)
- brooch
- floral scarf with white background
- brown and white knitted gloves

Lemminkäinen's mother is always after him to quit his women-chasing and bad behavior. When Lemminkäinen is chopped up and thrown in the River of the Dead, his mother rakes his body from the river bottom, sews him back together and brings him back to life. Walking down the street she scolds him and when she puts his ear - it falls off!

- Companion costumes - Lemminkäinen's mother, and also, Väinämöinen, the Magic Sampo and the Swan of Tuonela and Louhi

### Magic Sampo – (the magic mill of the Kalevala)

7 separate pieces – all wrapped in gold foil

The Magic Sampo is a mythical creation, which grinds out flour, salt and money. As it was being stolen it fell into the sea and broke into bits.

### Swan of Tuonela –

2 pieces

Tuonela is the River of Death which those who have died are transported on a boat. The Swan of Tuonela glides along the river, keeping people from returning. Despite this, Lemminkäinen's mother retrieves all the pieces of her son's from the River Tuonela and sews him back together (see Lemminkäinen's description).





### Sámi shaman

Fur coat with hood and red ties

Red felt sash with wooden cup, small drum and fur pouch (tied on)

Cow bell necklace with fur

Large drum

Pair of tall leather boots (women's size 7 71/2) - privately owned

The Sami Shaman is a "medicineman/witch doctor". He used his magic drum to see the future and call on the spirits. He joiks (special Sami way of singing - a bit like Native American singing) while beating the drum. He should appear mystical and almost frightening.

### Hankooki Heikki – 3 pieces

Blue cape with white/black speckled fur

Snow crown

Copper colored wooden scepter

The wearer of this costume is the person selected by the Finnish Theme Committee for their contributions to Finnish and Finnish-American heritage.



### St Henrik – (St. Henry of Finland/Heikki) 5 pieces

Tan dress

Green robe/cover

Blue cape with gold trim/stars

Gold knotted cord

Red crown hat

St. Henrik, who brought Christianity to Finnish soil, is the patron saint of Finland. He accompanied King Erik of Sweden. Henrik was ultimately murdered by a Lalli - the first Finn recorded by name in history - who chopped off St. Henrik's head on the frozen surface of Lake Köyliö. St. Henrik should be "saintly" and regal, and walk with a bishop's crosier (staff with a curled end).

### Heikki Lunta

head piece/w snowflakes

birchbark back pack/w snowflakes

A modern Copper Country folklore character, he is perhaps a modern-day shaman (witch doctor), who controls the winter snows. He should appear quirky, spry and unpredictable, as he goes among the crowd, threatening/ promising additional snow accumulations.

[This is a partial costume]



### Isotalon Antti & Rannanjärvi (Knife-fighters of Vaasa)

2 red striped vests

2 belts with gold trim

2 black, wide-brimmed hats

They were rough-and-tumble, knife-wielding lawbreakers of the Finland's Ostrobothnian Coast, famous for causing a ruckus at weddings. The pair was always ready to pull their sharpened puukkos (knives), which they carried on their belts. These naughty Finn boys should be looking for a fight all the way down the street, while eyeing up the young women.

- Companion costumes - The Crown wedding

[These are partial costumes]



### Crown Wedding – Bride and Groom

bridal crown (bride)

arm bands and mantel (bride)

several black, wide-brimmed hats (groom & other males)

lace canopy & 4 wooden dowels (to carry over the bridal pair's heads)

The Crown wedding (Kruununhäät) tradition is from Western Finland (Ostrobothian), where weddings could last for a few days. Traditionally the bride wore a black dress, adorned with a bridal crown, colorful mantel and armbands. The groom would also typically be in black, or a dark color. The bride and groom are accompanied by their attendants who carry a canopy above the bridal pair (the bride's sky). The procession is somewhat formal and sober, and can include a pastor in the lead, and parents, etc. following. An additional nice touch is to have music in the procession - such as fiddles or accordions - even if the instruments are merely props.

[These are partial costumes]



Bears (one white and one brown)

Full-body bear suit (privately owned, but available.)

The bear represents the folk saying, "The bear rolls over" on Heikinpäivä (St. Henrik's Day). He represents winter in this case. The bear can do some rolling, or ??

### Moomintrolls –

3 papier mache heads

3 cotton suits/w. detached yarn tails

(Moomin-Pappa, Moomin-Mamma & Moomin-trolli)

black purse (Moomin-Mamma)

1 red coat (Pikku Myy)

rolling pin (Pikku Myy)

The Moomintrolls are storybook characters created by Tove Jansson. Her children's books about the Moomintrolls have been extremely popular in Finland for many years. There is even a Moomintroll village theme park in Naantali, Finland. The Moomintrolls are generally easy-going characters.

Pikku-Myy is a "human-like" little girl, who is flippant and more intense. She is always portrayed with a little knob of hair on the top of her head and a red dress and carries a rolling pin in one story.

[These are partial costumes – sized for children]



