

# Newsletter

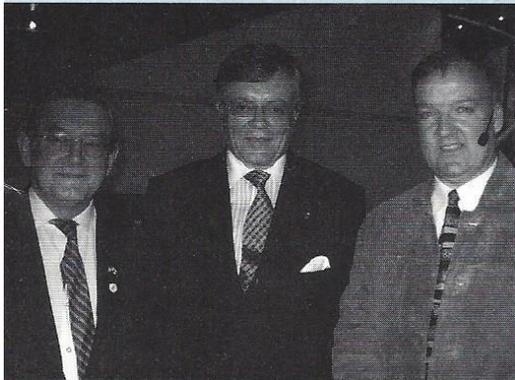
## of the Jussi Björling Society

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May 26, 2004, at the Embassy of Finland:  
Finlandia Foundation DC Chapter  
President Ossi Rahkonen, H.E.,  
Ambassador Jukka Valtasaari, Bertil  
Bengtsson

## A Big Year—Let Us Tell You about JBS's 2004

By Dan Shea for the officers of JBAS-UK and JBS-USA

With so much happening this year, our communications have suffered and this is your first notice from us since last May. We apologize for that, and hereby begin to catch up! You can expect more of the story in our next *Newsletter* in March 2005, and in a major issue of our *Journal* in May.

We'll start with news of meetings in Sweden and Washington DC, and upcoming trips planned for 2005-2006—but we want to stress one point here:

We hope you can join some of our upcoming music programs; but even if you aren't able to travel to any of our events in 2005, please consider how they are a useful part of our work—to help support classical vocal music and to remind music lovers of Jussi Björling's special place among the greatest singers.

As you read here of our work, consider how our programs are helping bring Jussi's art to new listeners, as well as reminding more experienced opera buffs about his achievements.

You can be sure that *we greatly value your continuing support of our work!*

Now here are some notes on our past and future activities:

### Our International Congress in Sweden the Best and Biggest Conference Yet

Members of the USA, UK, and Scandinavian Societies met in Stockholm and Borlänge during September 9-13, and Sue Flaster gives you a firsthand report on p. 3.

Sue's article is a short version of a very complete, detailed description of the Congress written by Kendall Svengalis for the next issue of our *JBS Journal*, to appear in May 2005 along with a selection of photographs from the Congress.

In the meantime, if you have access to the internet you can read Kendall's complete article soon at: [www.jussibjorlingsociety.com](http://www.jussibjorlingsociety.com). You also can find at this website the complete transcript of John Steane's lecture from our Congress, on "Jussi Björling in London." We will be adding transcripts of other lectures, as we get them.

In this *Newsletter* we bring you some key excerpts from two of the