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Voices from Finland

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Changes taking place

- ✦ **New student admissions system for all levels of education 2015-**
-> only one place can be accepted, focus on first-timers
- ✦ **Secondary vocational education (conservatories) is being reorganized**
-> curricula, degrees, governance structures
- ✦ **New law for universities of applied sciences under construction**
-> all universities of applied sciences will become joint-stock companies directly financed by the state
- ✦ **Universities of Applied Sciences have had to apply for their educational responsibilities**
-> a lot of debate on how to reorganize and prioritize. Some programmes will end, but so far only Lahti has decided to end the entire music programme

Changes taking place

- ✦ **Decreasing funding for universities, more severe cuts in other sectors. Incentives for university fundraising**
- ✦ **A new forum for discussion; representatives of all institutions with professional education in the field of music (Secondary Vocational Education, Universities of Applied Sciences, University of the Arts), with representatives also from the music schools**
-> How do we develop the national educational system in the field of music?
- ✦ **In coming years a focus on orchestral training**
- ✦ **University of the Arts Helsinki in its second year of existence**

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