

VILLE KURKI • DIRECTOR-DRAMATURG

- Extensive experience in the management of a professional nomad theater

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SELECTED DIRECTING JOBS

- 2021 Nainen katoaa - a psychedelic thriller, premier Oct. 1st (Grus Grus Teatteri and Turku City Theater)
- 2018 Koivuhiiri ja päästäinen / two language versions FI and SWE (Grus Grus Teatteri, Åbo Svenska Teater, Turku City Theater, ITU and Assitej) - Awarded with Children's' Theatre Innovation Prize
- 2016 Hamlet, koko totuus - immersive theater piece (Turku Medieval Castle and Grus Grus Teatteri)
- 2013 Director and translator SWE -> FI: Ingmar Bergman's Persona - from film to stage adaptation, two language versions FI and SVE (Grus Grus Teatteri and Åbo Svenska Teater)
- 2012 Director and translator FR -> FI: Pikku prinssi (Little Prince by A. Saint-Exupéry) Iso Prinssi k-18 - devising method stage play (TEHDAS Teatteri and Turku City Theater)
- 2011 Director and translator FR -> FI: Turistit, a post drama play (Rovaniemi City Theater)
- 2009 Järjen päivät – elintasomusikaali - dance/musical (Grus Grus Teatteri ja Tanssiteatteri MD)

SELECTED WORKS AS PLAYWRIGHT

- 2008 HELLppoo rahaa - youth drama (Ahaa Teatteri)
- 2007 Hugo Simbergin siivet - drama, praised by audiences and critics, toured for 6 years from 2007 to 2013 (Grus Grus Teatteri)

SELECTED WORKS AS DRAMATURG (DURING YEARS 2014 - 2021)

Projet K dance piece (Théâtre d'Esch, Luxemburg) | *Minnan taivas* opera libretto (Kuopion ooppera) | *Valtava yksiö* physical theater piece (Tampereen Teatteri) | *Svarta Rummets Fjäril* post-drama (Svenska Teatern i Helsingfors) | *Sebastian* dance piece (Tanssiteatteri MD) | *Hamlet, koko totuus* immersive theater (Turku Medieval Castle) | *Tuntematon Leijona* standup show (TEHDAS Teatteri) | *Full Measures* object theater piece (TEHDAS Teatteri) | *Requiem for a Vacuum Cleaner* dance performance (Barker Teatteri) | *Viimeinen pisara* circus performance (Turku Polytechnic and Turku City Theater) | *Kärringmossen* grotesk physical theater piece (Åbo Svenska Teater) | *Väistävätön / Oundviklig* object theater (Forum Marinum)

THEATRE MANAGEMENT

2007–2021 Chairman of the Grus Grus Teatteri Association

ART STUDIES

1998–2003 BA, Film Art, Turku University of Applied Sciences, Arts Academy
Thesis: "Differences between film and theater directing"

GRANTS

Several grants from foundations and the state, such as the Alfred Kordelin Foundation, the Helander Foundation, and the Ministry of Culture and Education of Finland.

FESTIVAL INVITATIONS

Tampereen Teatterikesä international theatre festival | Stage Festival - Helsinki | MonoBaltic - festival, Lithuania | FDT -festival, Petrozavodsk, Russia | Runoviikko Festival, Kajaani Finland

AWARDS

- 2019 Thalia Award by Theatre Info Finland TINFO for Huviretki tienpientarelle - Stalker
- 2018 Best Children's Theater Idea for Koivuhiiri ja päästäinen by Assitej: ITU Award

WORKING LANGUAGES

FINNISH: MOTHER TONGUE | SWEDISH: GOOD | ENGLISH: GOOD | FRENCH: GOOD