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I am a vocal and performance artist, with a 25-year long career of performances, installations, radio pieces and soundscapes - solos and various group works - vocal & sound & performance art, theatre, music, dance. The key elements of my art are voice / sound, presence, space and improvisation. The latest and the most important works:

PERFORMING ARTS

2018

Pelko/Fear, with Taito Hoffrén, open rehearsals of up-coming performance, Kajaani Poetry Week, 07/18; Orimattila Art Museum, 10/18
Bird Concert, with Juhani Liimatainen, Saari mansion, 05/18; New Performance Turku, 09/18
Juha Biitsillä, theatre performance, with Biitsi duo, Lainsuojattomat, Pori, 09/18
Vocal Portraits, Anti Festival, Kuopio, 09/03; Signal&Noise, Vancouver, 04/05; Tampere Theatre Summer, 08/05; Suomi Art Fair, 09-10/05; Muu Gallery, Helsinki, 11-12/06; Vooruit, Gent, 12/07; Pori Art Museum, 05/11; Anti Festival, Kuopio, 09-10/11; Supermarket, Stockholm, 02/13; Annikki Poetry Festival, Tampere, 06/15; Sorbus, Helsinki, 06/17; Sideways, Helsinki, 06/18
Mad House, one of the makers of a house for performing arts, Helsinki, 10/14; 09-12/15; 02-04/16; 01-04/17; 01-03/18
Hospital Symphonies, as performer in a concert by Heidi Fast, Musiikkitalo, Helsinki, 01/18; Lapinlahden Lähde, Helsinki, 02/18

2017

Private Dancer, as performer in a WAUHAUS collective performance, Zodiak, Helsinki, 10/17
Executed Stories, lecture-performance, Sesc Pinheiros, São Paulo, 08/13; Lókal, Reykjavik, 08/13; Bastard, Trondheim, 09/13; Baltic Circle, Helsinki, 11/13; Nordwind, Hamburg, 12/13; Mousonturm, Frankfurt, 10/14; Barents Spektakel, Kirkenes, 02/15; Bora Bora Platform, Aarhus, 03/15; Theaterdiscounter, Berlin, 07/15; Spielart, Munich, 11/15; Theaterformen, Braunschweig, 06/16; Teaterfestivalen i Fjaler, Dale, 09/16; Mad House Helsinki, 02/17; Pori, 09/17
A Guy and a Wooden Guy, performance, Gallery Emil, Tampere Biennale, 04/16; Wäinö Aaltonen museum, New Performance Turku, 10/16; Sinne, Helsinki, 11/16; Kajaani Poetry Week, 07/17

2016

From Bark til Tail, vocal performance, Bryssel, 01/15; NoMad House Berlin, 06/16; New Performance Nights, Turku, 08/16
Juha Valkeapää 50 yrs, Baltic Circle @ my home, Helsinki, 11-12/14; Pixelache @ my home, Helsinki, 09/15; Auawirleben, Bern, 05/16
B Funeral, theatre performance, with Jovanka Trbojevic and Petri Kekoni, Mad House, Helsinki, 03/16
2341 AD, audio-visual poem, with Renzo Van Steenberghe and Emer Värk, Kanuti Gildi Saal, Tallinn, 01/16; Mad House, Helsinki, 02/16

2015

Houkka Bros.: Vaeltaja/Wanderer, table theatre, Kajaani Poetry Week, 07/03; Tampere, 08/03 & 04/05; Helsinki Festival, 09/03; Baltoscandal, Rakvere, Estonia, 06/04; Von Krahli, Tallinn, 05/05; Kunsten Festival Des Arts, Brussels, 05/05; Taju 05, Hyvinkää, 07/05; Homo Novus, Riga, Latvia, 09/05; Festival NET, Moscow, 11/05; Fondation Cartier, Paris, 12/05; Oslo & Bergen, Norway, 02/06; Vilnius, Lithuania, 05/06; Budapest, 11/06; Nordwind Festival, Berlin, 10/09; Olavsfestdagene, Trondheim, 07/11; Rigas Laiks, Riika, 11/13; Theaterdiscounter, Berlin, 07/15

2014

10 journeys to a place where nothing happens, with Taito Hoffrén, Baltic Circle, Helsinki, 11/10; Kajaani Poetry Week, 07/11; Homo Novus, Riga, 09/11; Spielart, Munich, 11/11; brut, Vienna,

01/12; PAZZ, Oldenburg, 04/12; Göteborgs Dans & Teater Festival, 05/12; Summer Street, Viiala, 06/12; Baltoscandal, Rakvere, 07/12; Bastard, Trondheim, 09/12; Seurasaaari Soi! Helsinki, 07/13; Nordwind, Dresden, 11/13; Heidelberger Stückemarkt, 04/14; Baltic Circle, Helsinki, 11/14

2013

Astronomer: experiment, with Tero Nauha and Cássio Santiago, Sesc Pinheiros, São Paulo, 08/13
It seems a good place to build a house, with Kaja Kann, Nordwind, Kampnagel, Hamburg, 12/11; Baltic Circle, Helsinki, 11/12; New Dance, Haapsalu, 04/13
Talk to me, as performer in Mart Kangro's choreography, Zodiak and Helsinki Festival, 08/11; Kanuti Gildi SAAL, Tallinn, 08-09/11; Baltoscandal, Rakvere, 07/12; Baltic Bubble, Tallinn, 09/12; Foreign Affairs, Berlin, 10/12; Golden Mask, Moscow, 03/13

2012

JIRK, sound poetry with Dirk Hülstrunk, Jyväskylä, 04/11; Frankfurter Lyriktage, 05/11; Turku, 11/12
Ear, sound and wig in a tree, audio play with Eleonora Tikas, Kanuti Gildi Saal, Tallinn, 10/12
Poor fellow, vocal performance, Kerava Art Museum, 08-09/12

2011

In the Lokaal tonight Kann/Valkeapää, concert-performance, Juuksur, Tallinn, 03-04/09; KokoTeatteri, Helsinki, 04/09; Genialistide klubi, Tartu, 05/09; Sulattofestivaali, Karkkila, 07/09; Manifesti festival, Turku, 09/09; Sidestep festival, Helsinki, 02/10; Nordwind, Volksbühne, Berlin, 12/11
MASKI, procession, with Geert Vaes, Art in Odd Places Festival, New York, 10/11
La siège de l'air, concert with Sándor Vály, Pori Art Museum, 05/11; Tartu and Tallinn, 12/09
Talkie-Walkie, a living sound installation with Geert Vaes, Sidestep Festival, Helsinki, 02/11
Jargon, a year-long series of performances at the politicians' statues in Helsinki, on the politicians' birthdays
Digested, a year-long series of performances at the writers' statues in Helsinki, on the writers' birthdays

2010

Kallocaïn - an opera for two voices, with Girilal Baars and Kaja Kann, Kalv Festival, 08/10
No I Be Yonder, concert-like theatre piece with Geert Vaes, Eveline Van Bauwel and Eva Schram, theaterMalpertuis production, Cementfestival, 's-Hertogenbosch, 03/10; theaterMalpertuis, Tielt, 03-04/10; Berchem, 04/10; Hasselt, 04/10

2009

50 Lovely Ways to Die, a piece of society theatre with Kaja Kann, Tartu, 03/08; Baltoscandal, Rakvere, 07/08; Baltic Circle, Helsinki, 11/09
Houkka Bros.: Children, birds and flowers, do-it-yourself musical, with Tero Nauha, Pietu Pietiäinen and Kristian Smeds, Baltoscandal, Rakvere, Estonia, 06-07/06; Helsinki Festival, 09/06; Lainsuojattomat Festival, Pori, 09/06; Budapest, 11/06; Helsinki, 10/07; Meteor 2007, Bergen, 10/07; Turku, 10/08; NET Festival, Moscow, 11/08; Homo Novus, Riga, 09/09

2008

Cinderella, vocal piece, space: visual artist Jaana Partanen, Hippalot 03, Hämeenlinna, 07-08/03; Assitej, Reykjavik, Iceland, 05/04; Oulu, 02/05; Helsinki, 05/07; Vaasa, 11/08, Kajaani, 12/08
Male spaces, direction of a vocal piece for group of four singers, Äijä (Girilal Baars, Taito Hoffrén, Pekko Käppi ja Eero Turkka), Muu galleria, Helsinki, 12/06; Helsinki, 03/07; Pori, 09/08; Helsinki, Tampere & Turku, 11/08
Silence, vocal performance, Helsinki, 02/07; Kontiolahti, 10/07; Kunstbanken, Hamar, 10/07; Oulu, 10/08
Amorph!08, artistic curator of the festival for performative arts, organizer Artists' Association Muu, Paris, 05-06/08 and Helsinki, 08-09/08
Houkka Bros.: Radio Doomsday, a direct radiotalkshow with Pietu Pietiäinen, Kristian Smeds and Tero Nauha, Baltic Circle, Helsinki, 05/08

2007

Who was Minna Canth? vocal performance, Kuopio, 09/07

2006

Ena, live music for a dance piece, direction Sibylla Klein, dance Pia Karaspuro, Helsinki (Forum Box [02/06], railway station, Kaisaniemi metro station and Esplanade park [10/06])
A pole-bloke, performance, IRTI festival, Ristijärvi, 06/06
Rakki, vocal piece, Helsinki, 02/06

2005

Joel and the night of stars, theatre monologue, Valtimonteatteri production at Vara-Q, Helsinki, 09-10/04; Lainsuojattomat, Pori, 09/04; Eno, Lieksa, Liperi, Kitee, 12/04; Vantaa, 02/05; Oulu, 02/05; Pieksämäki, 03/05; Helsinki, 03/05

2004

Mamma Meedio, live soundscape for a performance, Puoli-Q, Helsinki, 01-02/04; Hippalot 04, Hämeenlinna, 08/04
Tauko / Pause, a performance, dir. Sibylla Klein, dance Pia Karaspuro, music Andreas Fulgosi & JV, Helsinki, 11/04
My Siberia, a vocal piece, Hull, UK, 10/01; Baltoscandal, Rakvere, 06/02; Kajaani Poetry Week, 07/02; Helsinki Museum of Cultures, 10/02; Tartu University, Estonia, 12/03; Wäinö Aaltonen museum, Turku, 03/04

2003

What do you need to live? a vocal performance, Mannerheimintie, Helsinki, 04/03; Taju 03, Hyvinkää, 06/03
matka maahan - expedition, as performer-musician, dir. Sibylla Klein, Puoli-Q, Helsinki, 01/03; Bremen, Germany, 10/03

2002

Cry of the Iman, Voice Theatre Iki-Turso, Ateneum, Helsinki, 04-05/02; Cairo, Egypt, 09/02
City Talk, a vocal performance, Mountain Standard Time, Calgary, Canada, 04/01; Urbani Festival, Zagreb, Croatia, 07/02

2001

Trombi, as performer, dir. Minna Vainikainen, Q Theatre, Helsinki, 06-08/01

2000

Getting Old Project 1-2, vocal pieces, Ateneum, Helsinki, 09-10/00; VR warehouses, Helsinki, 12/00
Leporello, theatre work shop, dir. Tine Madsen, Baltic Circle, Oldenburg, 11/99; Helsinki, 01/00

1999

Kalevala, live soundscape with Taito Hoffrén, dir. Atro Kahiluoto, Q theatre, Helsinki, 11/97-02/98; Baltoscandal, Rakvere, 06/98; Bombajuhlat, Nurmes, 07/98; Tampere Theatre Summer, 08/98; Reykjavik, 12/99
Iki-Turso, as a singer at Heikki Laitinen directed series of rune singing concerts, Omapohja, Helsinki, 09-12/99
Boy's Toys, a vocal piece, Q Theatre, Helsinki, 09/99; Manifesti-festival, Turku, 12/00
Namedays, 9 short vocal pieces, Helsinki, 06/99

1998

BOY, a vocal piece, Museum for foreign art, Helsinki, 11/98
ToF, as a performer, chor. & dir. Ismo-Pekka Heikinheimo, Stoa, Helsinki, 08/98

1992-2000

Vocal work based on improvisation called **kesken** with Jaakko Nousiainen: live performances in Finland and abroad, tape pieces for radio, exhibitions and concerts & happenings in Finland and abroad, workshops etc. The latest: **kesken vocal bus**, Tampere Theatre Summer 1995-96; live soundscapes with dance for two choreographies by Ismo-Pekka Heikinheimo - **AKTI** in Ateneum, Helsinki, 08-09/96, plus

Bubble Speaks at Bagnolet Finland, Stoa, Helsinki, 01/98; **kesken - document**, cd and 6 concerts, HecRec and Esplanade bandstand, Helsinki, 02/00

SOUNDSCAPES, COMPOSITIONS AND RADIO WORKS

2013

Ear, voice and fork in a tree, an audio image with Eleonora Tikas, Radio Theatre, ERR, Estonia

2011

Eolenius the Witch, direction of a radio play, Radio Theatre, Yle 1, Finnish Broadcasting Company

The dean's last journey, direction of a radio play, Radio Theatre, Yle 1, Finnish Broadcasting Company

2007

Who was Minna Canth? a radiophonic work, Yle 1, Finnish Broadcasting Company

What did you see? a radiophonic work, Yle 1, Finnish Broadcasting Company

Dream of a telescope and a horse, a radiophonic work with Kristiina Wallin's poems, Yle 1, Finnish Broadcasting Company

2006

Aurinko on vaarallinen (The sun is dangerous), sound composition for a radio play, The Finnish Radio Theatre

2005

Onni tässä, hei (It's Onni here, hi), music and sound design for a Myrskyryhmä dance piece, chor. Pia Karaspuro, Helsinki, 10/05

Final Countdown, music and sound design, dir. Katarina McAlester, Finnish Theatre Academy, Helsinki 09/05

2004

Princess, sound composition for a radio play, The Finnish Radio Theatre

2003

Kiven napa, soundscape for Valtimonteatteri performance, Helsinki, 11/03-01/04

2002

My Siberia, soundscape for the Helsinki Museum of Cultures' Siberia exhibition, 05/02-09/03

WORKS IN GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS

2018

A Wooden Guy, sound sculpture, Gallery Emil, Tampere Biennale, 04/16; Kontula Electronic, Helsinki, 04/18

2017

Electric WoMan, audio-visual installation with video artist Christopher Hewitt, Muu Kaapeli, Helsinki, 09/17

Star Rain, sound installation with architect Kari Sivonen, Galleria Lapinlahti, Helsinki, 07-08/17

2015

Bone Garden, Stone Ageish sound installation in three parts, with sound archaeologist Riitta Rainio, Floating Platforms, Aboagora and New Performance Turku, Turku, 08/15

2014

Haloo!, Ear Channel, Cloud Nest, sound sculptures with architect Kari Sivonen, Pori Art Museum, 02-05/14; Concept Summer, Kokemäki, 06-08/14

2013

Year, a sound installation with architect Kari Sivonen, Rikhardinkatu library, Helsinki, 01-06/11; The Finnish Institute in Stockholm, 02/13

2009

DADailylife, audio-textual installation by 10 Nordic sound & text artists, scenerum.org & Roskilde, Denmark, 09-10/04; Museum of contemporary art, Roskilde, 06-08/09

2006

What did you see? an exhibition: vocal portraits & video, Muu gallery, Helsinki, 11-12/06

Dream of a telescope and a horse, an av-installation with poet Kristiina Wallin and visual artist Niina Hartikainen, Lönnström art museum, Rauma, Finland, 06-09/06; Rikhardinkatu library, Helsinki, 11-12/06

2005

Memory works, an exhibition with Nea Lindgren & Sándor Vály, 2 videos, 2 performances & concerts, Galleria U, Helsinki, 02-03/05

2004

Whole, an audio installation with visual artist Peter Morrens, Dortmund Künstlerhaus, Germany, 05-07/04

2003

Boy and his toys, a sound installation, Rauma Art Museum, 01-03/03

TRANSLATIONS

Prose, poetry, plays, pulp fiction and films to Finnish from Hungarian, Modern Greek and English.

EDUCATION

Master of philosophy, Helsinki University, theatre science and Hungarian language & culture, 1987-1995

MEMBERSHIPS

Artists' Association Muu, Mad House friends (chairman since 2016)

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT & RECENT GRANTS & AWARDS

2019 National Council for Performing Arts, 1/2-year grant

2018 Arts Promotion Centre Finland

2017 Arts Promotion Centre Finland

2016 Arts Promotion Centre Finland; The Promotion Centre for Audiovisual Culture AVEK

2015 Arts Promotion Centre Finland; Kone Foundation

2014 Finnish Cultural Foundation, a project grant; Arts Promotion Centre Finland; Nordic Culture Point, travel grant

2013 Nordic Culture Point, travel grant; Arts Promotion Centre Finland, travel grant

2012 National Council for Theatre, 5 year grant for years 2013-17

2008 Finnish Cultural Foundation, 3-year grant

2007 Prix Italia honorarium for the soundscape of radio play "Sun is dangerous"; The Arts Council of Helsinki Metropolitan Region Art Award

2005 Honorarium for "Joel and the night of stars" at Pieksämäki monodrama competition
2004 Finnish Cultural Foundation, 1-year grant
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