

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 1995 matriculation examination
- 1982-89 Ballet school in Vantaa, Finland
- 1989-94 Finnish National Opera Ballet School
- 1999-2000 Helsinki Theatre School Departement of dance
- 2002 Contemporary dance workshop in Venice Biennale, directed by Carolyn Carlson (other teachers Wim Vandekeybus, Larrio Ekson, Josef Nadj etc.)
- 2002 Cunningham style training in Ljubljana, Slovenia

Work as a choreographer

Choreographies

- 2016 **Blue and lonesome**
 - premiere on 5th August 2016 in Nosturi, Helsinki
 - a piece for 2 female dancers
- 2016 **Gasoline running hard in the vains**, Vernissa, Vantaa
 - premiere on 15.4.2016
 - a piece ordered for the contemporary students of Vantaa Dance Institute, Finland
- 2015 **Old people, odd people**, at the Theatre Avoimet Ovet, Tanssin Voima Festival, Helsinki
 - premiere on 7.5.2015
 - a piece for 2 female dancers
 - the piece is invited to Edanco Festival 2016 in Dominican Republic
- 2014 **Do you always have to**, at the Night of the Arts, Helsinki
 - premiere on 21.8.2014
 - choreography and performing Marjaterttu Willman and Aapo Siikala
 - 29.10.2015 in the demonstration for the Dance House Helsinki, at Kansalaistori, Helsinki
- 2014 **Ankkurit irti**, Finnish National Opera Ballet School
 - premiere on 16.5.2014
 - ordered choreography for the contemporary department students of the vocational education of the Finnish National Opera Ballet School
- 2012 **Snowblind**, in Stoa- contemporary dance stage, Helsinki
 - premiere on 16.2.2012
 - a piece for 2 female and 2 male dancers
 - 29.10.2012 in I love NYKY- contemporary dance festival, Finnish National Opera
- 2009 **anchors Aweigh**, Finnish National Ballet
 - premiere on 20.3.2009
 - a piece for one female and 2 male



Old people, odd people 2016

- dancers
- 2008 **A rush of blood to the head**, in Stoa-contemporary dance stage, Helsinki
-co-operation with accordionist-composer Kimmo Pohjonen
- a piece for 5 female and 1 male dancer
- 2007,2008 **Drifters**, Workshop in the Finnish National Ballet
- a piece for 2 female and 2 male dancers
- 2006 **Kulkevi kulkuaan**, Workshop in the Finnish National Ballet
- a piece for 3 female dancers
- 2004 **Ausencia**, Finnish National Ballet
- performed in the evening for female choreographers
- a solo for choreographer herself
- 2003 **Sama Sama But Different**, Workshop in the Finnish National Ballet
- a piece for 1 female and 1 male dancer
- 2002 **Varjopuoli**, Workshop in the Finnish National Ballet
- a solo for a female dancer



Snowblind, 2012

Upcoming works

- 2017 **Nine lives**, a new premiere for Willman Dance Company

Workshops

- 2016 workshop in the High school of performing arts, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- 2016 workshop in Saint Petersburg Kannon Dance House, as a part of Finland-Russia programme of Dance Info Finland
- 2015 workshop in Vantaa Dance Institute
- 2014 workshop in TREenit ry- association, Tampere, Finland
- 2014 workshop in Tanssille ry- association, Helsinki, Finland
- 2007 organiser and teacher of a contemporary dance workshop in Maputo, Mozambique

Dance Company

- 2012 founding a dance company called Willman Dance Company, working as an artistic director
- 2012 founding a dance association Tanssin Voima, as a chairman of the board

Dance Festival

- 2015 founding a contemporary dance festival Tanssin Voima festival in Helsinki, Finland

Honorary office

- 2016-2017 a member of the board in Vantaa Dance Institute association

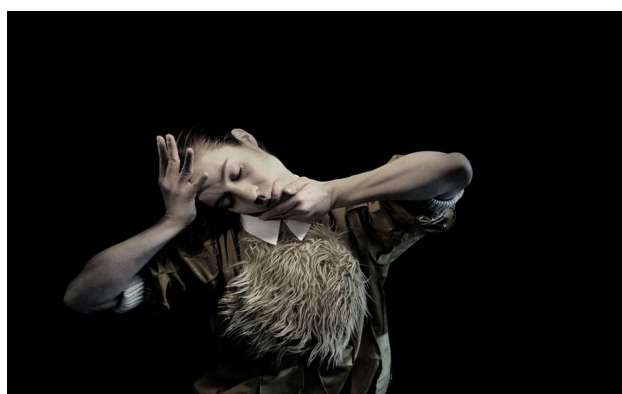
Taking part in professional events

- 2015 demonstration for the Dance House Helsinki, at Kansalaistori, Helsinki
- 2014 HOP Helsinki, Cable Factory, Helsinki
- 2013 Aerowaves Spring Forward Festival in Zurich
- 2012 Kedja Encounter in Tallinn
- 2012 Ice Hot Helsinki, a nordic dance platform

Work as a dancer

Places of work

- 2012- Willman Dance Company



Anchors Aweigh, 2009

1994- Finnish National Ballet
2003-2004 Contemporary dance company Ballet de Lorraine,
France

In Finnish National Ballet

Soloist and Corps de ballet roles,among others:

Forgotten Land (Jiri Kylián),Svadebka (Jiri Kylián),Sechs Tänze (Jiri Kylián),Bach (Nacho Duato),
Spectre de la rose (Angelin Preljocaj),Kyr (Ohad Naharin),Kullervo (Tero Saarinen),Georgia (Tero Saarinen),Verklächte
Nacht: Duet 1 (Tero Saarinen),Utopia of another continent (Natalia Horecna),Romeo and Juliet (Natalie Horecna),Blue
Grass (Itzik Galili),Rite of Spring (Mihail Nijinsky),Thirteen (Tommi Kitti),Twisted Shadow (Jorma Elo),R&J
(Marilena Fontoura),Pink Overdose (Thomas Rydberg),Welcome to Heaven's Playground (Aapo Siikala),Reuna (Jouka
Valkama),Whiteout (Simo Kellokumpu), Seven Brothers (Marjo Kuusela),Bajadeeri (Natalia Makarova/Petipa),Don
Quijote (Patrice Bart/Petipa),Giselle (Sylvie Guillem/Coralli–Perrot–Petipa),Swanlake(Rudi van Dantzig/Petipa–
Ivanov),Nutcracker and Mouseking(Wayne Eagling ja Toer van Schayk),Romeo and Juliet(John Cranko),Seagull (John
Neumaier),Four Temperaments(George Balanchine),The Snow Queen (Kenneth Greve),The Beauty and the Beast
(Javier Torres)

In Ballet de Lorraine

Soloist and Corps de ballet roles:

Jeanne d'Arc (Joelle Bouvier),Le Sacre (Yuval Pick),Duets (Merce Cunningham),Rave (Karole Armitage),Syndrome
(Jacopo Godani)

Other

2009 Majakka (Aapo Siikala) Zodiak, Kaapeli

Touring

2007 With Jouka Valkama's Reuna in Juli Dance-festival,
Amsterdam
2006 With the Finnish National Ballet in Oulu City Theatre,
Finland
2005 With the Finnish National Ballet in Cagliari, Sardinia
2003-2004 With Ballet de Lorraine in France, Amsterdam, Hong Kong
and Bangkok

Taking part in workshops

2015 NOBA meeting, Espoo, Finland, Anne Ekenäs
2015 Zodiak, countertechnic, Jussi Nousiainen
2002 Contemporary dance workshop in Venice Biennale, directed by Carolyn Carlson (other teachers Wim
Vandekeybus, Larrio Ekson, Josef Nadj etc.)

Teaching experience

2007-2009 repetitor for young dancers for ballet competitions
1999-2000 teaching classical ballet for gymnastics-group

Other professional activity

2010- Professional Pilates- instructor
- graduating the Somatic Studio,Helsinki,Finland
- instructing 2010-2016: Somatic Studio,Helsinki
Finnish National Ballet
Tanssille ry,Helsinki,contemporary dancers
Olo Ok,Helsinki
Pilates Powerhouse Helsinki
Yin Pilates&Jooga Studio