

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
2010 Pilates Instructor

Work as a choreographer

Choreographies

- 2017 **Nine lives**
- premiere on 16th November 2017
in Tanssin Voima festival, Cable
factory in Helsinki
- for 2 dancers
- 2017 **Choreography for a music video of
The Wyman Family**
- for 6 dancers
- 2016 **Blue and lonesome**
- premiere on 5th August 2016 in
Nosturi, Helsinki
- a piece for 2 female dancers
- 2016 **Gasoline running hard in the veins**
- premiere on 15.4.2016 in
Vernissa, Vantaa
- a piece ordered for the
contemporary students of Vantaa Dance Institute, Finland
- 2015 **Old people, odd people**
- premiere on 7.5.2015 at the Theatre Avoimet Ovet, Tanssin Voima Festival, Helsinki
- a piece for 2 female dancers
- the piece was performed in Edanco Festival 2016 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- 2014 **Do you always have to**
- premiere on 21.8.2014 at the Night of
the Arts, Helsinki
- 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**
- premiere on 16.5.2014 Finnish National Opera Ballet School
- ordered choreography for the contemporary department students of the vocational education of the



Nine lives, 2017

Finnish National Opera Ballet School
- for 7 dancers

2012 **Snowblind**
- premiere on 16.2.2012 in Stoa-
contemporary dance stage, Helsinki
- 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**
- premiere on 20.3.2009 in Finnish
National Ballet
- a piece for one female and 2 male
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**
- in Finnish National Ballet
- performed in the evening for female choreographers
- a solo for the 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

Touring with Willman Dance Company

2016 Edanco Contemporary Dance Festival, Santo Domingo,
Dominican Republic; **Old people, odd people**



Old people, odd people, 2015



Snowblind, 2012

Workshops

2017 workshop in Ballet Finland, Helsinki
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

2017 arranging the second edition of *Tanssin Voima festival* in Helsinki, Cable Factory

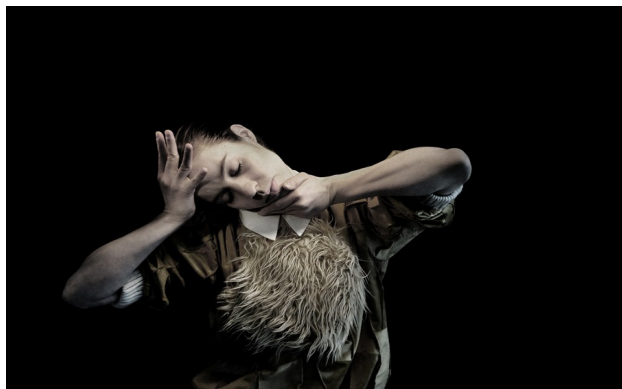
2015 founding a contemporary dance festival *Tanssin Voima festival* in Helsinki, Theatre Avoimet Ovet

Honorary office

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

Taking part in professional events

2017 Kiertoliike - dance encounter, Turku
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



Anchors Aweigh, 2009

Work as a dancer

Places of work

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), Breaking the Fury (Susanna Leinonen), 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), Little mermaid (Kenneth Greve), Kalevala land (Kenneth Greve)

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, Helsinki

Touring

2017 Copenhagen Opera, with the Finnish National Ballet; Snow queen (Kenneth Greve)
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

Other professional activity

2010- Professional Pilates- instructor