

VILLE KURKI • DIRECTOR-DRAMATURG

- Extensive experience in the management of a professional nomad theater -

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SELECTED DIRECTING JOBS

- 2021 Ennuste, negatiivinen - a site specific adaptation of Willy Kyrklund's short story (Grus Grus Teatteri)
Nainen katoaa - a psychedelic thriller (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, Turku City Theater, 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 WRITER

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

SELECTED WORKS AS DRAMATURG (BETWEEN YEARS 2014 - 2022)

Go! dance piece (Corps in Situ) | *Minnan taivas* opera libretto (Savo-ooppera ry) | *Uusi pessimismimusikaali* (Puolangan pessimistit ry) | *Valtava yksiö* physical theater piece (Tampereen Teatteri) | *Svarta Rummets Fjäril* post-drama (Svenska Teatern i Helsingfors) | *Sebastian* dance piece (Tanssiteatteri MD) | *Tuntematon Leijona* standup show (TEHDAS Teatteri and GGT) | *Full Measures* object theater piece (TEHDAS Teatteri and GGT) | *Requiem for a Vacuum Cleaner* dance performance (Barker Teatteri and GGT) | *Viimeinen pisara* circus performance (Turku Polytechnic and Turku City Theater) | *Kärringmossen* grotesk physical theater piece (Åbo Svenska Teater and GGT) | *Väistämätön / Oundviklig* object theater (Forum Marinumi)

THEATRE MANAGEMENT

2007–2022 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"

2022–(2024) MA, Art of Impact, Film and Media, Stockholm University of Arts

SELECTED GRANTS AND FESTIVAL INVITATIONS

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. Invitations: Tampereen Teatterikesä international theatre festival | Stage Festival - Helsinki | MonoBaltic - festival, Lithuania | FDT -festival, Petrozavodsk, Russia | Runoviikko Festival, Kajaani Finland | Hangö Teaterträff | Tampere shortfilm festival

SELECTED TEACHING JOBS

Head Teacher of Acting department Voionmaan opisto 2022 (- for now) | Media school head teacher 2003-2004 at Paasikiviopisto | Editing and screenwriting teacher 2006 -2010 at Voionmaan opisto | Dramaturgy teacher 2015 -2020 at Turku Polytechnic, Arts Academy, Circus Department

SELECTED AWARDS

- 2003 Best screenplay from Blue Sea Film Festival for *Kaukana kavala maailma* -thesis shortfilm
- 2019 Thalia Award from Theatre Info Finland TINFO for *Huviretki tienpientarelle*, *Stalker* -theater performance
- 2018 Best Children's Theater Innovation - ITU from Assitej for *Koivuhiiri ja päästäinen* -theater/media performance

WORK LANGUAGES FINNISH: MOTHER TONGUE | ENGLISH: EXCELLENT | FRENCH: GOOD | SWEDISH: GOOD

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/306270341>

Hugo Simbergin siivet / stage play combining animation, dance and musical elements, premiere 23.10.2007 at Teatteri Telakka. Production Grus Grus Teatteri
- *playwright-director*

HELLppoo rahaa / drama, premiere 5.2.2009 at Ahaa Teatteri
Production Ahaa Teatteri
- *playwright-director*

Järjen päivät - elintasomusikaali / musical dance piece, premiere 3.12.2009 at Tanssiteatteri MD
Production Tanssi Teatteri MD and Grus Grus Teatteri
- *dramaturg-director*

Turistit / post drama-comedy, a big stage production, premiere 29.11.2011 at Rovaniemen teatteri
Production Rovaniemen teatteri
- *translator from French to Finnish - director*

Pikku prinssi and Iso prinssi (k-18) / double play project including one play for children and one for adults
premieres 24.3.2012 at Tehdas Teatteri and 30.3.2012 at Turku City Theater
Production Tehdas Teatteri and Turku City Theater
- *translator from French to Finnish - dramaturg - director*

Persona / adaptation from Ingmar Bergman's film to stage, two language versions Fi and Swe
premiere of the Swe-version 5.9.2013 at Åbo Svenska Teater and Fi-version 26.11.2012 at Turku City Theate.,
Production Grus Grus Teatteri, Åbo Svenska Teater, and Turku City Theater
- *translator from Swedish to Finnish - dramaturg - director*

Valtava yksiö / physical ritual-theater piece, premiere 16.11.2013 at Tampereen Teatteri and a Swedish version 15.10.2017 at Åbo Svenska Teater, Production: Tampereen Teatteri and Grus Grus Teatteri
- *dramaturg-director*

Q2 - futurum in memoriam / site-specific science-fiction performance, premiere 17.10.2014
at the Turku Botanic Garden, Production: Turku University and Tehdas Teatteri
- *dramaturg-director*

Svarta rummets fjärl / post drama with digital live-drawing, premiere 9.12. 2014 at Svenska Teater i Helsingfors.
Production: Grus Grus Teatteri and Svenska Teater i Helsingfors
- *dramaturg-writer-director*

Hamlet, koko totuus / a multi-disciplinary site-specific adaptation of William Shakespeare's Hamlet, premiere 29.9.2016 at Turku medieval castle. Production: Grus Grus Teatteri
- *dramaturg-director*

Katsuro / adaptation from Kullervo by Aleksis Kivi, premiere 27.1.2017 at Ahaa Teatteri
Production: Ahaa Teatteri
- *dramaturg-director*

Koivuhiiri ja päästäinen - Björkmusen och näbbmusen / childrens' play with digital live-drawing and musical elements, premier 20.3.2018 at Bravo!-festival, production Grus Grus Teatteri, Assitej and Turku City Theater
- *dramaturg-director*

Viimeinen pisara / contemporary circus performance, premiere 16.11.2018 at Turku City Theater
Production: Grus Grus Teatteri, Turku City Theater and Turku Polytechnic Circus Department
- *dramaturg-co-director*

Nainen katoaa / psychedelic thriller-comedy, premiere 1.10.2021 at Turku City Theater
Production: Grus Grus Teatteri and Turku City Theater
- *translator from French to Finnish - dramaturg - director*

Ennuste, negatiivinen - Prognos, negativ / bi-lingual moving theater performance staged in a city bus, adaptation of Willy Kyrklund's short story, premiere 11.11.2021 at the Turku city centre. Production Grus Grus Teatteri in co-operation with Turku University Medical Department and ÅUCS Neurocentrum
- *dramaturg-co-director*