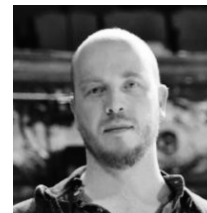


VILLE KURKI • DIRECTOR-DRAMATURG

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Stage and film professional on storytelling and non-narrative forms with over 20 years of experience.



MAIN PROJECT at the moment:

DRAMATURG'S GUIDE to Reality and Beyond – a dramaturgical online tool

SELECTED **DRAMATURGICAL WORKS** (BETWEEN YEARS 2014 - 2023)

Outsider (working title) virtual reality experience (Stockholms konstnärliga högskola) | *Go!* dance piece (Corps in Situ) | *Minnan taivas* opera libretto (Savo-ooppera ry) | *Uusi pessimismimusikaali* musical (Puolangan pessimistit ry) | *Valtava yksiö* physical theater piece (Tampereen Teatteri) | *Sebastian* dance piece (Tanssiteatteri MD) | *Tuntematon Leijona* puppet theater (TEHDAS Teatteri) | *Full Measures* object theater (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 and Grus Grus Teatteri) | *Väistämätön / Oundviklig* object theater (Forum Marinumi)

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 SWE (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 **WRITING JOBS**

2014 Svarta rummets fjärl, post drama (Svenska Teatern i Helsingfors and Grus Grus Teatteri)
2008 HELLppoo rahaa, youth drama (Ahaa Teatteri)
2007 Hugo Simbergin siivet, drama, praised by audiences and critics, toured for 6 years (Grus Grus Teatteri)

THEATRE MANAGEMENT

2007-2022 Chairman of the Grus Grus Teatteri association

ART STUDIES

2022-(2024) MA, Art of Impact, Film and Media, Stockholm University of Arts
Thesis: "Dramaturgical Online tool"
1998-2003 BA, Film Art, Turku University of Applied Sciences, Arts Academy
Thesis: "Differences between film and theater directing"

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**

Dramaturgy teacher / part-time 2015 -2020 at Turku Arts Academy, Circus Dep. | Head Teacher of Acting / full-time department Voionmaan opisto 2022 (- for now) | Film and media department head teacher / Full-time 2003-2004 at Paasikiviopisto

SELECTED **AWARDS**

2023 The Kanner- a Jugendtheaterpreis award Ministère de la Culture, Luxembourg for GO! A dance-budo performance Corps in situ, in co-production with Escher Theater **Dramaturg**
2019 Thalia Award from Theatre Info Finland TINFO for Huviretki tienpientarelle, Stalker -theater performance **Dramaturg-performer**
2018 Best Children's Theater Innovation - ITU from Assitej for Koivuhiiri ja päästäinen -theater/media performance **Dramaturg-director**
2003 Best screenplay from Blue Sea Film Festival for Kaukana kavala maailma -thesis shortfilm **Writer-director**

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

CV attachment
VIMEO SHOWREEL of LIVE PERFORMANCES
production house and premiere list
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- 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 T.
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 912. 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*

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