

VILLE KURKI • DIRECTOR-DRAMATURG

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I am a performing arts, film, and media professional specializing in storytelling and non-narrative forms - over 20 years of practical experience.

I have worked on various award-winning innovative projects. For 15 years, I was a spokesperson and an artistic core member in a multi-disciplinary, highly ambitious theater ensemble based in Finland. Our company produced performances locally, and we also toured internationally, gathering praise. My working languages are English, Finnish, Swedish, and French.

In all my adventurous professional years I have never encountered a creative dead-end or an unsolvable project crisis. There's always a way and I have found countless ways forward and helped projects go even higher even if they were excellent already.

ART STUDIES

Master of Arts, Art of Impact - Film, Media and Performing Arts, Stockholm University of Arts
Thesis: "Dramaturgical Online tool"

BA, Film Art, Turku University of Applied Sciences, Arts Academy
Thesis: "Differences between film and theater directing"

MAIN PROJECT

DRAMATURG'S GUIDE to Reality and Beyond – *a dramaturgical online tool*
www.dramaturgs.guide

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](#)

SELECTED WORKS as a DRAMATURG (BETWEEN YEARS 2014 - 2025)

Ajan säikeet - dance solo (with Satu Tuittila at Åbo Svenska Teater)

Outsider (working title) - virtual reality experience (Stockholms konstnärliga högskola)

Go! - dance piece Corps in Situ, Lxbrg)

Minnan taivas - opera libretto (Savo-ooppera ry)

Uusi pessimismimusikaali - musical (Puolangan pessimistit ry)

Sebastian - dance piece (Tanssiteatteri MD)

Extra-neitsytevankeliumi - puppet theater (Grus Grus Teatteri and 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 piece (Forum Marinum, Grus Grus Teatteri)

SELECTED DIRECTING JOBS (BETWEEN YEARS 2007 - 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)

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

Hamlet, koko totuus - immersive theater piece (Turku Medieval Castle and Grus Grus Teatteri)

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)

Pikku prinssi / Little Prince by A. Saint-Exupéry

Iso Prinssi k-18 / Big Prince, age limit 18 - devising method stage play (TEHDAS Teatteri and Turku City Theater)

Turistit / The Tourists, a post drama play (Rovaniemi City Theater)

Järjen päivät – elintasomusikaali - dance/musical (Grus Grus Teatteri ja Tanssiteatteri MD)

Hugo Simbergin siivet / Hugo Simberg's Wings, drama, praised by audiences and critics, toured for 6 years (Grus Grus Teatteri)

SELECTED WRITING JOBS

Svarta rummets fjäril, post drama (Svenska Teatern i Helsingfors and Grus Grus Teatteri)

HELLppoo rahaa, youth drama (Ahaa Teatteri, Youth and Childrens theater)

Hugo Simbergin siivet, drama, praised by audiences and critics, toured for 6 years (Grus Grus Teatteri)

THEATRE MANAGEMENT

2007-2022 Spokesperson of the Grus Grus Teatteri association (*a multi-disciplinary, highly ambitious theater ensemble based in Turku, Finland*)

SELECTED TEACHING JOBS

Visiting Lecturer at Stockholm University of Arts 2024 and 2025

Head Teacher of Acting and Directing department / full-time Sasky, Voionmaan opisto 2022 (- for now)

Dramaturgy teacher / part-time 2015 -2020 at Turku Arts Academy, Circus Department

Film and media department head teacher / Full-time 2003-2004 at Paasikiviopisto

SELECTED GRANTS AND FESTIVAL INVITATIONS

Several grants from foundations and the state of Finland, such as the Alfred Kordelin Foundation, the Helander Foundation, Koneen Säätiö, and the Ministry of Culture and Education of Finland.

Festival 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

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 fjärril** / 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, negatív** / 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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