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**Circus/Dance artist, Choreographer, Movement director**

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**Education Circus/ Dance**

2015 Suzuki ja Viewpoint workshop-J.Ed Araiza

2009 Workshop-Wim Vandekeybus

2005-2008 Danshögskolan Stockholm, BA Circus. DOCH

2004 Tanssivintti

2003 - 04 Finnish National opera

1996 - 03 Vantaan Dance school: contemporary dance, jazz and balett.

1997 - 98 Helsinki ice skating.

1995 - 96 contemporary dance in Raatikko. Languages: Swedish, Finnish, English, a bit Danish:)

hobbies: Juggling, Swimming, food making.

**Work dancer/acrobat/actor/choreographer:**

2024 Bits and Pieces, Premier at Le petit festival Hanko 24.8.2024

2024 1<sup>st</sup>. place at Majestic Dance Tournament, Brighton, UK. Professional Exhibition Dance.

2023 Music video Cry, Axel Thesleff, dance and choreography. Out March 2024.

2023 Sivuhenkilöt- Luukamari, premier 14.11. Cirko, dir. Jyrki Karttunen.

2023 Ronja Rövardotter, Svenska teatern, Circus choreography and circus artist.

2023 GLG- movie, Lumikinos production& PerfHel. 31.7-5.8.23.Espoon louhisali and Cirko.

2023 Ricky Rapper & wild machine- movie- choreography

2023 GLG(modified)- Salo sirkus-Festivaali 27.7.22. Keravan Sirkusmarkkinat 10.9.22, Kajaani

Dance Festival 4.2.23. Hanko-Le Petit festival 28.8.23. Perfhel Helsinki 1.9.23.

2022 GLG, Premier 2.3.2022 Helsinki City theater. Hämeenlinna tehdas tanssii 6.8.2022.

Stoa, Helsinki 27.-28.1.2023. Flowsirkus, Oulu 7.-9.12.23.

2020-2022 RISA-Friction, Premier 2.12.2020. Reykjavik Fringe-festival 8.7.2021. Plartforma

Lithuania 14.10.2022

2022 Momentum- Le Petit Festival Hanko

2022 Small bits of GLG, Salo Circus-Festival, Keravan Sirkusmarkkinat

2022 RISA-partnering workshop Salo Circus- Festival.

2022 Samu Haber- Music video

2022 Risto Rappääjä ja villi kone Movie- Choreography

2021 TangoNyky duet-evening, House of music -Helsinki. RISA own work- Momentum.  
2021 Myllyteatteri- Master and Margarita  
2021 Stage-Cirkon Summer Cabare, RISA own number.  
2021 Perto, Company Portmanteu. premier 20.8.2021. Liettua 24.9.2021  
2021 RISA- Workshop, Tehdas tanssii-festival.  
2020 Myllyteatteri- Woland's merry company  
2020 RISA-partnering workshop.  
2019 Agit Cirk- 2+2+2, Contemporary circus performance  
2019 Sivuhenkilöt- Mun siivet ei mahdu kahvihuoneeseen. Premier Helsinki Festival.  
2019 RISA at Amos Rex- museum  
2019 Risto Räppääjä ja väärä Vincent-movie  
2019 RISA-Pairacro workshop In Turku for Dansart ry.  
2018 Risto Räppääjä ja pullistelija-movie  
2018 RISA- Demo, 3-4.8. Theater Avoimet ovet.  
2018 liro Rantalas composed opera trailer- Equal game  
2018 Turku city theater- Varissuo  
2018-19 Matchbox Company- Prinssi Rei, kanneltalo, malmitalo, Caisa ja Stoa.  
2017 Danske Bank-commercial.  
2017 Eläin ihmiset (työnimi), art-movie dir. Ainu Palmu.  
2017 Myllyteatteri- Kolga. Milano Teresa Pomodoro –competition winner, Irland Feile na Bealtaine –festival.  
2017- Race Horse Company- Urbotek, circus now New York.  
2016 Flow festival, Agit Cirk ja ricky tick band.  
2016 Akanvirtaa, performance. comp. Timothy Page, players: Lauri Sallinen, Henrik Sandås  
2016 pas de 2, danceacro duet with Riia Kivimäki Silence festival. Composer: Oyvind Maeland, musicians Lauri Sallinen, Henrik Sandås.  
2016 Matchbox company- Sigurd Ring  
2016- Sidekick-newcircus, Suomenlinna, Silence festival, Tampere Theater summer, outlaws festival. dir. Alma Lehmuskallio.  
2015-16 Finnish National Opera-Die nase, Thais, Phantom of the Opera  
2015- Agit Cirk- Sceno.  
2014-15 Uniq entertainment – Show, gigs and choreography  
2014 Swedish Theater in Finland - i sista minuten, Choreography.  
2013 Tampere työväenteatteri- kulkuri  
2012 Tampere työväenteatteri- LIZ  
2011 Helsinki city theater - katri helena  
2011 Dance theater Hurjaruuth- kiljuset  
2010 Swedish Theater in Finland - Jail Break

2010 Helsinki city theater - Wicked  
2009 Yle- "mutsis oli apina" -Tv-show  
2009 Swedish Theater in Finland - Playme (dir. Maria Sid)  
2009 Martinus Sali- Gaala for the day of dance, own solo, Have to get my duck`s in a row first  
2008 Dance theater Hurjaruuth – Winter circus light (dir. Arja Petterson)  
2008 Galleria Jangva- own solo night of the arts, Have to get my duck`s in a row first  
2008 Cirko-Festival for contemporary circus- own solo, Have to get my duck`s in a row first  
2007 City hall, Ruotsi tukholma (kor.Efva Lilja)  
2007 we implicate and complicate (kor. Ana- sanches Collberg.)  
2007 musicvideo, Maja Hirosawa  
2007 tv-commercial TV4 Sweden  
2006 Momo, Stockholm city theater/Cirkus Cirkör.  
2006 Clowns without borders, Jordanien  
2006 Winter cirkus Snow, Parco della musica Roma, Tanssiteatteri  
2005-12 Ovi-kaksi klovnia pulassa-Dance theater Hurjaruuth, Romania, Turkey, India  
2005 Kuinka kummaa kaikkialla, Dance theater Hurjaruuth (dir. Arja Pettersson) 2004  
2004-05 Dance theater Hurjaruuth: Winte circus laughter  
2003 Swedish Theater in Finland: My Fair Lady (kor: Reija Wäre)  
2003 Finnish National Ballet : Romeo ja Julia (Cranko), Kansallisbaletti  
2001 Finnish National Ballet: Bajadääri, (Petipa/Makarova)  
2001 Helsinki city theater: Stadin Friidu, (kor: Ari Numminen)  
1999 Finnish National Ballet: Ruusunen

**Upcoming projects:**

2025 Only Bones 2.0  
2026 Cyrophone  
2026 Junkyards- Photo exhibition

**Discipline, skills, area of expertise:**

Acrobatics, Pairacro, acting, dance, partnering, choregraphy, Roue Cyr.