

# CV

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### Selected Performances and Exhibitions

2021

#### **Haparator, Sound Festival, Haparanda, SWEDEN**

The Siren - Vocal Performance

#### **Riksteatern: Room X, Åjtte museum, Jokkmokk, SWEDEN**

Virtual Reality (VR) installation: Technician: Goncalo R Marques, Performance & Directing: Linda Remahl, Filming: Kasia Baranowska, Music composition: Tristan Shorr, Voice: Meri Nikula

#### **Konstrundan 2021, Valon Lähde, FINLAND**

Touch of the Golden Sun - Ritual Performance

#### **Moskosel Creative Lab, Arvidsjaur, SWEDEN**

Touch of the Golden Sun - Ritual Performance

#### **Vaaran Värähtelyä Art Walk, Rovaniemi Culture Week, FINLAND**

Touch of the Golden Sun - Ritual Performance

#### **TaPaMa (Art Based Services for Tourism), University of Lapland, FINLAND**

The Siren of Sea Lapland, video & live performance, Group Exhibition

#### **Lyden av Skallelv, Kven Art Biennial, Skallelv, NORWAY**

Live Vocal Improvisation as the festival artist for 2023

2020

#### **World Environment Day - Exploration Into Possible Futures Seminar (Taika) FINLAND**

Online Performance: Migratory Birds

#### **Punkaharju Art Up, FINLAND**

Solo Performance: Kunnes Syntymä Meidät Erottaa ('til Birth Do Us Part)

#### **The Day of Finnish Arts, Särestöniemi, FINLAND**

Animated Painting (sound & video) of Taivaanjaara Soittaa huilua by Reidar Särestöniemi

#### **The Siren of Sea Lapland, Bothnian Bay National Park, FINLAND**

Sailing with the audience, Performative Concert as a Siren

#### **Galleria Hämärä, The University of Lapland, FINLAND**

Video Performance: The Womb Song, Group Exhibition: Exploration Into Possible Futures.

#### **Exploration Into Possible Futures, Taika, FINLAND**

Online Video Performance: The Womb Song

#### **Helsinki Artist's Association: Taidelainaamo 25 year's Celebration, FINLAND**

Solo Performance: Ilon Sietämätön Keveys (The Unbearable Lightness of Joy)

2019

**European Festival of the Night, Korpilombolo, SWEDEN**

Breathing Earth, solo performance

**Days of Sweden, Cultural Palace, Murmansk, RUSSIA**

Breathing Earth, solo performance and Solo Vocal Performance

**Veden Muisti, Exhibition of Paula Suominen, Galleria Napa, Rovaniemi, FINLAND**

'Vereni Muisti' (Memory of my Blood) Solo Performance for the opening

**Arte & Bienestar, Instit. Iberoamericano De Finlandia, Madrid, SPAIN**

Solo Vocal Performance

**Maan Hengitys, Korundi, Rovaniemen Taidemuseo, Rovaniemi, FINLAND**

Solo Performance at Kaija Kiuru's Exhibition

**Kumma Puutarha, Environmental Art Exhibition, Rovaniemi, FINLAND**

'Juurilla' solo performance at the opening of the exhibition

**Vaattunkikölkään Kulttuurin Kinttopolku, Art Walk, Rovaniemi, FINLAND**

'Spirit of the River' solo performance by the water in nature

**Precious Balance Walk, Malmö, SWEDEN**

Performance film shoot with an international team for an Art Film

**Päiväntanssit XVIII, Kokko 1721, Kangasniemi, FINLAND**

Breathing Earth, solo performance (premiere)

**The Spirit of Winter, Haparanda/Tornio, SWEDEN/FINLAND**

Solo performance for the New Year's Celebration on the border for 5000 guests

2018

**Kveenit - Kainulaisten Jäljilä, Gallery Jieris, Muonio, FINLAND**

Sound installation for a group exhibition.

**Luonnollisesti - Naturally, Gallery Pentik, Posio, FINLAND**

Opening performance Juurilla for an exhibition by Lapin Taiteilijaseura

**Iroiro-li, Aine Art Museum, Tornio FINLAND**

Outdoors performance for children with Titta Court (dance) for BorderPride 2018

**Spirit of the River, Kukkolaforssen, SWEDEN**

Performance for 100 traditional fishermen and women from around the world

**Oranki Konkarit, Willa Korva, Kolari, FINLAND**

Opening performance for an exhibition.

**KVEN Connection, Arktikum, Rovaniemi, FINLAND & Varangermuseum, NORWAY**

Group exhibition: sound installation.

**Art li Biennial, States of Matter, li, FINLAND**

Bottled Water Exports: 9 participatory artistic acts with Ignacio Perez Perez (Venezuela)

**Exhibition with Gallery Syster (Luleå, Sweden) in GlogauAIR, Berlin, GERMANY**

Solo performance Whipped (s)Cream by Meri Nikula, Costume: Hanna Kanto

**TALKING NYMPHS at Lofoten Islands, NORWAY**

Solo concert with a natural echo of the mountains. Organiser: Ny Musikk Nordland.

2017

**Den Mystiska Kvinnan, Haparanda, SWEDEN**

Artistic director for a project: Finland 100 years, with the art & design students from Svefi.

**The Museum of Torne Valley, Tornio, FINLAND**

Solo Vocals for a video at the Opening Ceremony to Celebrate Finland, 100 Years

**Opening Performance at Västerbottens Museum, Umeå, SWEDEN**

Solo performance with kantele and giant birds nest

**Opening Performance at Art Gallery Kakslauttanen, Saariselkä, FINLAND**

Solo performance Louhetar inspired by Kalevala, sculptural dress by Essi Korva.

**Täydenkuun Konsertti, Viiankiaapa Nature Reserve, Sodankylä, FINLAND**

Outdoors Solo Concert in the Full Moon

**Kven Connection, Ruija Kvenmuseum, Vadsø, NORWAY**

Exhibition: sound installation & opening performance.

**Raga and the Voices of the Northern Lights, Pardes Hannah, ISRAEL**

Concert with Israeli musicians: Ofra Avni bansuri flute, Ram Hadar, tabla and Itzik Yona, guitar

**Arctic Waters - Lapin Keskussairaala, Rovaniemi, FINLAND**

'Vellamon Ilmestys' performance. Costume: Essi Korva. Opening of a mural by Paula Suominen

**Ars Käsämäki - Summer Exhibition, Käsämäki, FINLAND**

'Vellamon Ilmestys' performance. Costume: Essi Korva & Sound/Photo Installation

**CROWMAN- Spring Dance Festival Tour in Wuxi, Nanjing & Shangzhuo, CHINA**

Music for a dance piece by Groundbreakers, The Netherlands & Wuxi Dance Company

**Kalevala Absurdic - Galleria Jala, Haparanda, SWEDEN**

Sculptural Performance by Essi Korva, Hanna Kanto & Meri Nikula

2016

**DanseFestival Barents, Hammerfest, NORWAY**

Performance: Domestrix & Solo Concert: Vocal Mosaic

**ÄÄNIÄ MUUALTA - Nordic Soundscapes, Oulu, FINLAND**

Solo Concert and a Seminar Presentation (Global World Music)

**Vocal Mosaic, Casa Lucia, Corfu, GREECE**

Solo Outdoors Concert

**Meditative Concert, Kalari 7, Paris, FRANCE**

Vocal Healing Journey

**'Risulinnun Siiven Alla', Muonio Library, Muonio, FINLAND**

Solo Performance based on the twig art by Anita Silenius

**Beam of Light, Oulu Museum of Art (OMA), Oulu, FINLAND**

'Cosmic Radio' solo vocal performance at the opening of Hanna Kanto's Exhibition

**LYDRØRT, Lofoten, NORWAY**

Solo Concert, 'Vocal Mosaic'

**WORM, Rotterdam, THE NETHERLANDS**

Solo Performance, 'Survival of the Fittest'

**ZONDER STROOM, (by Extrapool) De Kleine Wiel, Nijmegen, THE NETHERLANDS**

Solo Acoustic Concert

2015

**DanseFestival Barents, Hammerfest, NORWAY**

Solo Performance 'Survival of the Fittest'

**Alla Breve, Radio France, Paris, FRANCE**

Radio performance of a collaboration between Diego Losa (GRM) and Meri Nikula

**KalottJazz&Blues Exhibition, Aineen Taidemuseo, Tornio, FINLAND**

Solo Vocal Performance at opening of the exhibition by Hanna Kanto & Essi Korva

**Esitystaiteen Markkinat, Zodiak, Helsinki, FINLAND**

Performance Festival, Solo Performance 'Survival of the Fittest'

2014

**Global Container at Sleeping Beauty Castle, Tallinn, ESTONIA**

Performance Festival, Solo Performance 'Survival of the Fittest'

**Tableaux Intérieurs, Galerie Andiamo, Marseille, FRANCE**

Event with Léa Canu Ginoux (dance/choreography) & Meri Nikula (voice/performance)

**The Birth of my Daughter, Hammerfest, NORWAY**

(MATERNITY LEAVE)

2013

**URPLEX at European Festival of the Night, Korpilombolo, SWEDEN**

Icy Outdoors Concert with Lisa Stenberg (live electronics), Meri Nikula (voice & video)

**URPLEX at Arctic Studios, Kautokeino, NORWAY**

Icy Outdoors Concert with Lisa Stenberg (live electronics), Meri Nikula (voice & video)

**Dimanche Rouge, Performance Festival, Helsinki, FINLAND**

Solo Performance 'Survival of the Fittest' at Kauppakeskus Kamppi & Helsinki City Art Museum

**Duo Soirée at Divine Madness, Marseille, FRANCE**

Vocal improvisation with the 'Ritual' by Léa Canu Ginoux (dance), Solo performance RED

**Esitystaiteen Markkinat, Zodiak (Kaapelitehdas) Helsinki, FINLAND**

Solo Performance RED

**IKRA Dance and Performance Art Festival, Haparanda/Tornio, SWEDEN/FINLAND**

Solo Performance: Survival of the Fittest

**HAPARATOR Electronic Music Festival, Haparanda, SWEDEN**

URPLEX for voice, video, live electronics and ice in collaboration with Lisa Stenberg

**SCH (Sleeper Hallucination Camping), FLOAT, Osaka, JAPAN**

Online Live Performance with Video - with Trevor Hagen (trumpet)

**Lagrotta, Haparanda, Sweden**

Vocal Mosaic - Solo Concert

**Urban Primitives, URBANGUILD, Kyoto, JAPAN**

Dance & Performance event

**Miniatures vol. 20, MIT House, Osaka, JAPAN**

Sound & Performance event

**Song x Voice, Kissa Sakaiki, Tokyo, JAPAN**

Concert with Pearl Alexander (double bass) & Workshop (Voicing Your Body)

**Unmonumental, Studio Kura, Fukuoka, JAPAN**

Vocal Mosaic at an opening exhibition of Christopher Jones

**Improvised Music, Cafe Muriwui, Tokyo, JAPAN**

Morishige Yasumune (cello) Scott Jordan & Ryo Nakamura (koto), Meri Nikula (voice)

2012

**'SkinIce' - Performance with frozen clothes, Haparanda/Tornio, SWEDEN/FINLAND**

New Year's event with Titta Court, Lisa Stenberg, Eric Mutel, Marju Matsin & Meri Nikula

**'Dimanche Rouge' -Performance Festival, Tallinn, ESTONIA**

Solo Performance RED at Cultural Factory Polymer and KUMU Art Museum

**Arctic Studios Kulturscene, Kautokeino, NORWAY**

Two solo performances (voice, movement & video): RED & I Eye I

### **'Into The Great Wide Open' -Festival, Vlieland, THE NETHERLANDS**

- Project Musicaerial, an inter-disciplinary project for kites, sensors, sound & performance

### **Gaudeamus Muziekweek, Utrecht, THE NETHERLANDS**

- Project Musicaerial, an inter-disciplinary project for kites, sensors, sound & performance

### **Sami Eastern Festival, Kautokeino, NORWAY**

'World Of Voices' Concert: Meri Nikula (vocal solo) and Niko Valkeapää (voice) & Per Willy Aaserud (Trumpet & Electronics)

### **AbstrActions, Performance Event, Lagrotta, Haparanda, SWEDEN/**

Yessiqa Lövbrand (dance), Lisa Stenberg (sound) & Meri Nikula (voice & performance)

### **The Vondelbunker, Amsterdam, THE NETHERLANDS**

Evening of poetry, performances, installation art and music. Meri Nikula (vocal solo)

### **HARU by Hija Bastarda, Closing Party at Tokyo Wonder Site ,Hongo, JAPAN**

Live Video Installation & Voice

### **Jazz Spot Candy, Chiba, JAPAN**

Astral Fruits Live: Josh Hume (self-made instruments) & Meri Nikula (voice)

### **Time After Time, Tokyo (Hirai), JAPAN**

Vocal Duos: William Kotaro Tokuhisa & Meri Nikula

### **Midsummer Night's Dream, HIGHTI, Tokyo, JAPAN**

Nobunaga Ken (percussion), Chie Mukai (er-hu, voice, dance), Ryo (koto), Takeshi (psaltery), Josh (self-made instruments), Rarufu (jew's harp), Meri (voice)

### **Velvet Moon, Performance Night, Urbanguild, Kyoto, JAPAN**

Solo Vocal Performance

2011

### **IKRA Dance and Performance Art Festival, Haparanda/Tornio, SWEDEN/FINLAND**

Two Solo Performances (voice, movement & video): I Eye I and RED

### **Solo Soiree, Canal Danse, Paris, FRANCE**

Two Solo Performances (voice, movement & video): I Eye I and RED

### **Urbanguild, Kyoto, JAPAN**

Sound & Movement Event, Solo RED

### **Common Cafe, Osaka, JAPAN**

Sound & Movement Event, Solo RED

### **W x W x W, LoopLine, Tokyo, JAPAN**

Sound & Movement Event with Mingo Kazumi and Yangjah

### **Experimental Sound, Art & Performance Festival, Tokyo Wonder Site, JAPAN**

Award Winner's Performance, TRILOGY: Human Conditions

In The Flesh I Reside (video presentation), I Eye I / ai ai ai / 愛愛愛' and RED

## **Teaching**

2009 - ongoing

**'Voicing Your Body' - Workshops for Voice & Movement Awareness and Improvisation**

## **Artistic Education**

2003-2007 **Bachelor of Arts**

**Royal Academy of Arts & Royal Conservatory of Den Haag, The Netherlands**  
Interfaculty Sound and Image/Art Science

2006-2007

**Tokyo Zokei University, Tokyo, Japan**  
Media Design / free curriculum / exchange student

2001-2003

**Rotterdam's Conservatory, Rotterdam The Netherlands**  
Jazz Vocals, minor in Indian Classical Music and Brazilian Music

2000-2001

**Helsinki University, Finland**  
Ethnomusicology

1999-2001

**Jazz and World Music, Sibelius Academy (the 'free' academy), Helsinki Finland**

1999 (Spring)

**Odehe Center, Accra, Ghana West-Africa**  
Ghanian Music (drumming, dancing and singing)

1998 (Autumn)

**Oriveden Opisto, Orivesi Finland**  
Jazz, Classical, Brazilian, Balkan and other World Musics on Voice and Flute

1997-1998

**Voss Folkehøyskole, Voss Norway**  
Jazz and Norwegian Folk Music

## **Residencies**

2016

**Kven Connection, Vadsø, NORWAY**

2013

**WEAVE Arts Residency, Brussels, BELGIUM**

2010

**New Art Contact, HIAP, Suomenlinna, Helsinki, Finland**  
**Creator in Residence, Tokyo Wonder Site, Japan**

2009

**Artist in Residence, AIT (Arts Initiative Tokyo), Japan**

Artist in Residence, Studio KURA, Fukuoka, Japan