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#### EDUCATION

- 2004 EAVE
- 2001 SOURCES 2
- 1989 Master of Arts, University of Art and Design, Department of Film and Television,  
B.A. Helsinki University
- 1988 Directing Actors ( Judith Weston )
- 1987 Film Dramaturgy ( Ola Olsson )

#### WORKS

##### Feature films for cinema

2011 Storage.

(Un)romantic comedy about workers in a warehouse. Film adaption of Arto Salminen's modern classic novel. Premiere in cinemas 30.12. 2011.

1999 Little Sister,

A story of a young woman in Finland during the World War II. 107', 35mm, released in cinemas, many international festival screenings.

In development

August Fools, romantic comedy, an international coproduction, written by Raija Talvio, premiere in February 2013.

##### Films for television and documentaries

2012 Viru hotel

Documentary about the history of three different states told through the point of view of one building, directors Taru Mäkelä and Margit Kilumets, production Kinosto Ltd in coproduction with Amrion Oü, DCP / 35 mm, 90 min, in production.

2009 The Ambassador of Tango

Potrait of Timo Valtonen, whose mission is to bring Finnish Tango to German audiences, production Kinosto Oy, 28 min

2008 The Relentless.

Documentary about the family Juntunen. Poor and unemployed parents live the everyday life with their children, production Kotimaa-yhtiöt Oy, 30 min

2007 Opera Agent

documentary portrait of Erkki Alste, production : Kinosto Oy, 30 min

2006 The Catch

documentary 100 min , cinema release

2004 Wrong Shoes

a thriller comedy 80 min, production: Säihky Oy, YLE TV 2 ( The Finnish Broadcasting Company )

2003 Architect of Ceausescu

a documentary portrait Anca Petrescu, 20 min, production: YLE TV 1 ( The Finnish Broadcasting Company )

1999 Classic,  
Hamlets soliloquy, performed by Helge Herala, 5 min, 35mm, production: Kinotar Oy, cinema release.

1997 David - Stories of Honour and Shame, a documentary about the Finnish Jews during the WW II, 94 min, 16/35mm, production: For Real Productions, cinema release, international festival screenings.

1995 Women in War, a documentary of the women's voluntary auxiliary services in Finland during the WW II, 50 min, 16 / 35mm Production: Kinotar Oy, cinema release, international festival screenings

1993 - 1990 Documentaries, musical and comedy for YLE ( The Finnish Broadcasting Company )

#### Television series

2002 The Little Sister, 3 x45min. YLE TV2

1993 The Frank Pappa Show, a journalistic comedy show, production: Broadcasters and MTV 3 ( Finnish Commercial TV Channel )

1987- 1991 Works for YLE TV1, YLE TV2 and MTV3

#### Producer

2011 The Unknown Woman.

A documentary film about wives of the farmers during the second world war, director Elina Kivihalme, production Kinosto Ltd, DCP/ 35 mm 78 min

2011 Storage

(Un)romantic comedy about workers in a warehouse, film adaption of Arto Salminen's modern classic novel, premiere in cinemas 30.12. 2011. In post production Kinosto Ltd, DCP/ 35 mm, 100 min ( executive producer )

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2012 Clownwise

Drama about the mutual past and present of three czech clowns, director Viktor Taus, production Fog'n'Desire Films, Czech Republic, DCP/ 35mm, 100 min, in pre-production, Finnish coproducer Kinosto Ltd ( executive producer )

2012 August Fools

Romantic comedy set in Helsinki 62, director Taru Mäkelä, DCP/35 mm, 100 min, production Kinosto Ltd, coproducer Fog'n'Desire ( executive producer )

#### Radio plays

2010 Partisan lieutenant

2006 Petrescu's Palace

2005 The Case Agnes Sjöberg

2003 Dhulan the Bride

2001 The Wrong Person

### Theatre

2011 The Banality of Love.

Korjaamo, Lahti and Turku city theatres and Tampere TTT-theatre. Premiere 18.08. 2011

2007 Theory of Shit

written by Arto Salminen, Tampere

2006 Last Train to West

written by Raija Talvio, Finnish National Theatre

2005 Taking Sides

written by Ronald Harwood, in coproduction with Q-theatre, Helsinki, and Lahti City Theatre

2005 Ladie´s Drink

written by the cast, Jurkka Theatre, Helsinki

2003 The Lapua Opera

written by Arvo Salo, Rovaniemi Theatre

### PRIZES AND GRANTS

2009 Five year grant from the State Council for Cinematic Arts

2007

The Ex Post Quality Support ( The Catch )

KOURA-prize, Hella Wuolijoki-prize ( The case of Agnes Sjöberg )

1998, 2003 - 2005

Grant from the State Council for Cinematic Arts

2000

The Finland Prize, awarded by the Cultural Minister of Finland

The Ex Post Quality Support, from the State Council for Cinematic

Arts ( The Little Sister )

1998

The Ex Post Quality Support, from the State Council for Cinematic

Arts ( David )

1996

The First Prize, the International Tampere Short Film Festival (Women in War)

The Silver Prize, the Media&Message event, Lappeenranta, Finland

The Ex Post Quality Support, from the State Council for Cinematic

Arts ( Women in War )

1991

Venla Mention of Honour, the Finnish TV channels

1988

Venla Prize, the best comedy series ( Hymyhuulet )

### Additional

A member of the Finnish Film Foundation Board 2005 - 2010

Chairman of the board of the society of Finnish Film Directors 2006-2008

### Languages

Finnish, English, German, Swedish