

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date and place of birth: November 13, 1963, Pylkönmäki, Finland

Education

Jyväskylä Conservatory 1976-1979

Matriculation examination,

Sibelius Secondary School, Helsinki 1982

Sibelius Academy, Helsinki, 1983

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Bands

Tokka (leader)

Seppo Kantonen Trio (leader)

Kantonen Camping (leader)

Mikko Innanen Innkvisitio

Kahden miehen galaksi (leader)

HAKA (co-leader)

UMO Jazz Orchestra

Eero Koivistoinen (numerous different combinations)

Duo Innanen-Kantonen (co-leader)

Manuel Dunkel United

various solo-projects (leader)

Former Bands

Klang

Pekka Pohjola Group

BreadMachine

Manuel Dunkel Quartet

J.Karjalainen & Mustat Lasit

Remu Aaltonen

Albero (co-leader)

Performances with

Ray Anderson, Louie Bellson, Anders Bergcrantz, Michael Brecker, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Eddie "Lockjaw" Davis, Madeline Eastman, Gil Evans, Nelson Faria, Frank Gambale, Gil Goldstein, Barry Guy, Billy Hart, Billy Harper, Tim Hagans, Joe Henderson, Conrad Herwig, Freddie Hubbard, Scott Kinsey, Nils Landgren, David Liebman, John Lindbergh, Joe Lovano, Jesper Lundgaard, Ron McClure, Jim McNeely, Vince Mendoza, Don Menza, Palle Mikkelborg, Bob Mintzer, Bob Moses, Marius Neset, Kresten Osgood, Perico Sambeat, Stefan Pasborg, Houston Person, Lenny Pickett, Mathias Ruegg, Terje Rypdal, Perico Sambeat, Sabri Brothers, Maria Schneider, Steve Slagle, Wadada Leo Smith, Martial Solal, Tomasz Stanko, Yamar Thiam, Toots Thielemans, Charles Tolliver, Cuong Vu, Bennie Wallace, Kenny Wheeler, Joe Williams, Norma Winstone, Jens Winter, Phil Woods, John Zorn

Recordings

- KLANG : Klang (1998)
- Seppo Kantonen Trio: to be released 2015
- Tokka: Tokka (2009)
- Kahden Miehen Galaksi: Um Jepa (2013)
- Seppo Kantonen/Jarmo Savolainen : Phases (1989)
- Innkvisitio: Paa-dap-pap (2007)
- Clustrophy (2010)
- uusi levy (äänitetty syyskuussa 2014)
- TUMO w/ Wadada Leo Smith: Occupy the world 2013
- TUMO Plays music of Otto Donner to be released 2014
- AVANTI : John Adams: I was looking at the ceiling and then I saw the sky (1998)
- Humppavanti (2006)
- Big Bad Family : Big Bad Family (music of Upi Sorvali) (1994)
- BreadMachine : Eternal Friendship (1998)
- Loveship (2000)
- Starship Babies (2003)
- Edvard Nyholm Debess Log (2003)
- Dialog : Dialog (w/ Koivistoinen, Anders Bergcrantz, Jesper Lungaard, Leroy Lowe) (1995)
- Henrik Otto Donner : Dalens Ande (1991)
- Free for All (Otto Donner) Free for All (2000)
- Otto Donner Free for All Live at Five Corners (2011)
- Manuel Dunkel Quartet : Manuel Dunkel Quartet (1998)

- Manuscript (2002)
- Manuel Dunkel United & Proton String Quartet: Meeting Point (2013)
- Hepa Halme: Nine steps in line of beauty (2003)
- Prospektor (2008)
- Mikko Hassinen : Damodara 3 (2002)
- Maarit Hurmerinta : Good days, bad days (2004)
- Eero Koivistoinen : Kallista on ja halvalla menee (1988)
- Pahan Kukkia (1990)
- Sometime Ago (1999)
- Helium (1999)
- Senegalese Drums (2000)
- Utu (2001)
- Suomalainen (2002)
- Lennosta kii! (2007)
- X-Ray (2006)
- Minor Solutions (2011)
- W / Eero Koivistoinen and various Mozambiquean artists : Mozambique Relief (2000)
- Emma Larsson: Irie Butterfly (2006)
- Pekka Luukka : Splash of Colours (1993)
- Concord Nkabinde : The time, the season (2002)
- Jari Perkiömäki Group : Jari Perkiömäki Quartet (1985)
- Pekka Pohjola : Changing Waters (1992)
- Live in Tokyo and Helsinki (1995)
- Pewit (1997)
- Wiews (2001)
- Rinneradio : Dance and Visions (1990)
- Joik (2000)
- Nao (2001)
- Jarmo Saari Filmtet : A tribute to finnish cinema (2001)
- Suhkan Uhka : Suhka (2002)
- UMO : UMO plays music of Muhal Richard Abrams (1989)
- The first seven (1992)
- Green and Yellow (w / Bennie Wallace and Ray Anderson) (1994)
- UMO Jazz Orchestra (1998)
- One more time (w / Kenny Wheeler and Norma Winstone) (2000)
- UMO: Sauna Palaa (2005)
- Mister Blues (w/ Pepe Ahlquist) (2006)
- UMO on UMO (2009)
- Supermusic (w/ Magnum Coltrane Price, Viktoria Tolstoy, Nils Landgren) (2012)
- Zone : First Definition (1999)
- Several recordings with various pop and rock bands

Performances abroad

Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Iceland, Estonia, Russia, Poland, Check Republic, Hungary, Germany, Austria, Italy, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Spain, Turkey, Egypt, South Africa, Mozambique, India, Japan, Canada, USA, Great Britan, Ireland, Switzerland, Portugal, Mexico, Lithuania

Compositions

- “Trouble” (big band, 1989)
- “Herkkänapainen Nainen”, “Terveisiä Joodokilta” (chamber orchestra and jazz trio, 1999)
- Music for theatre pieces “Gekko” / Q-teatteri (1999)
- “Trombi” / Q-teatteri (2001)
- Musical “Dakota” (2005)
- Several compositions for small ensembles

Other

Teacher in Sibelius Academy

Prizes and grants

Yrjö (Georgie)- prize 1985 from finnish Jazz Federation
Taiteen Nuori Suomi -prize 1996
several 1-year grats from Taiteen Keskustoimikunta
5-year grant (2007-2011) from Taiteen keskustoimikunta
1-year grant (2012) from Kulttuurirahasto