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Valtteri Raekallio is based in Helsinki and one of the most prominent Finnish choreographers and dancers of his generation.

EDUCATION

He began his dancing career at the Finnish National Opera Ballet School in 1989 and graduated as a dancer in 2001. In 2000-2001, he was an exchange student at the Amsterdam School of the Arts' Modern Theatre Dance program.



Additional studies at University of the Arts Helsinki in subjects including theatre management, directing as well as space and lighting design. Raekallio has also complemented his studies in New York, Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam and Deltebre.

PROFESSIONAL WORK AS A CHOREOGRAPHER

Valtteri Raekallio's choreographic work explores the boundaries between multiple art forms. He creates bold performances that combine complex narratives and themes with strong visual imagery and well-crafted movement.

His productions reach from immersive or site-specific works such as *School of Life* (2022), *Uranium Lamp* (2021), *Frame* (2020), *Audience* (2018) and *Neuromaani* (2016) to stage work, most recently *Barabbas Dialogues* (2023), *The Lomonosov Engine* (2022), *Recollections* (2019) and *Oneiron* (2018) to film projects of different approaches *Mua kuuluukin lyödä* (2022), *No Man's Land* (2020), *Fram* (2019) and *Cold Storage* (2016).

PROFESSIONAL WORK AS A DANCER

Valtteri Raekallio has worked with major international and Finnish choreographers in almost 100 productions in 40 countries. He has appeared in contemporary dance performances, opera and theatre productions and films.

Raekallio was working as a dancer in Norway for **Ina Christel Johannessen** / Zero Visibility Corp. between 2013-2021. He was engaged with Helsinki Dance Company from 2006 to 2013 where he worked with choreographers such as **Linda Kapetanea & Jozef Fruček**, **Anton Lachky**, **Kenneth Kvarnström**, **Ina Christel Johannessen**, **Andonis Foniadakis**, **Ikuyo Kuroda** and **Jyrki Karttunen**. As a freelancer, Raekallio has danced among others in 14 works by **Tommi Kitti** between 2001-2010.

OTHER ARTISTIC WORK

Raekallio is the founder of Liikekieli.com, Finland's online magazine for dance. He was the Editor-in-Chief of the magazine from 2004 to 2009. Liikekieli.com subsequently received the 2008 Finnish State Award for Dance Arts, Finland's highest commendation in dance. From 2012 to 2014, Raekallio was the artistic co-director of Loikka dance film festival. Valtteri Raekallio is also an internationally recognized teacher in high demand at dance workshops and universities.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Finland's Minister of Science and Culture awarded the Finland Prize to the dance company Raekallio Corp. in 2019. The same year Valtteri Raekallio received the City of Helsinki Artist of the Year award. In 2018 he was an Aerowaves Twenty 18 artist and the performance *Oneiron* was selected for the Ice Hot Nordic Dance Platform in Reykjavik. In 2017 Raekallio was awarded a five-year Finnish State Grant for Artists and the Uusimaa Cultural Prize.

PROFESSIONAL WORK AS CHOREOGRAPHER

Year	Production	Produced by
2023	<i>Barabbas Dialogues</i>	Ooppera Skaala & Raekallio Corp. & CHANGEnsemble
2022	<i>The Lomonosov Engine</i>	Helsinki City Theatre & Raekallio Corp.
2022	<i>Mua kuuluukin lyödä</i> – documentary film	YLE, Lumikinos Production Oy, Raekallio Corp.
2022	<i>24</i>	Raekallio Corp.
2022	<i>School of Life</i>	Raekallio Corp. & Finnish National Theatre
2021	<i>Uranium Lamp</i>	Raekallio Corp. & Zodiak – Center for New Dance
2020	<i>Kehys – Frame</i>	Raekallio Corp. & Kirpilä Art Collection
2020	<i>No Man's Land</i> - dance film	Lumikinos Production Oy, Raekallio Corp.
2020	<i>Spring Hatches the Birds</i>	Vantaa Dance Conservatoire
2019	<i>Recollections</i>	Raekallio Corp. & Zodiak – Center for New Dance
2019	<i>Fram</i> - dance film	SVT, Lumikinos Production Oy, Raekallio Corp.
2018	<i>Audience</i>	Raekallio Corp.
2018	<i>Oneiron</i>	Raekallio Corp.
2018	<i>Three Futures</i>	Tampere Conservatoire
2018	<i>Cupola</i>	Aalto University
2017	<i>New Nordic Tigers</i>	ART-DEL / Marie Hauge Jensen
2017	<i>Frigid</i> (Chor: Raekallio, Jarkko Mandelin & Oula Kitti)	Raekallio Corp.
2016	<i>Neuromaani</i>	Raekallio Corp. & Helsinki Festival, Zodiak
2016	<i>Cold Storage</i> - dance film	Lumikinos Production Oy & Raekallio Corp.
2016	<i>Esitys – A Performance</i>	Raekallio Corp. & JoJo – Oulu Dance Center
2015	<i>Rehearsal on Love</i>	Raekallio Corp. & Kekäläinen & Company
2015	<i>Short Stories from Forgotten Rooms</i>	Raekallio Corp. & Full Moon Dance Festival
2015	Opening show & Pre-game short film for Ice Hockey World Junior Championships 2016	Raekallio Corp. & Veikkaus & Finnish Ice Hockey Federation
2014	<i>The Representative</i>	Raekallio Corp. / Pohjoinen liike ry
2014	<i>Sub Terra</i> - dance film	Raekallio Corp. & Lumikinos Production Oy
2014	<i>Fear is a habit and I am not afraid</i> –dance film	Raekallio Corp. & Lumikinos Production Oy
2013	<i>Where Does the Light Go?</i>	Raekallio Corp. / Pohjoinen liike ry
2013	<i>Waiting Song</i> - dance film	Raekallio Corp. / Pohjoinen liike ry
2013	<i>Runovaara</i>	Kajaanin Runoviikot & Nuoren Voiman Liitto ry
2010	<i>North Horizon</i> - dance film	Holy Polarbear Productions

PROFESSIONAL WORK AS DANCER

Year	Production	Choreographer
2020	<i>No Man's Land</i> - dance film	Valtteri Raekallio
2019	<i>Fram</i> - dance film	Valtteri Raekallio
2019	<i>Recollections</i>	Valtteri Raekallio
2018	<i>Yleisö</i>	Valtteri Raekallio
2018	<i>Oneiron</i>	Valtteri Raekallio
2018	<i>Cupola</i>	Valtteri Raekallio
2017	<i>New Nordic Tigers</i>	Valtteri Raekallio & Marie Hauge Jensen
2017	<i>Frozen Songs</i>	Ina Christell Johannessen
2017	<i>Seeds</i>	Ina Christell Johannessen
2017	<i>Frigid</i>	Raekallio & Jarkko Mandelin & Oula Kitti
2016	<i>Neuromaani</i>	Valtteri Raekallio
2016	<i>Cold Storage</i> - dance film	Valtteri Raekallio
2016	<i>Esitys – A Performance</i>	Valtteri Raekallio
2015	<i>Short Stories from Forgotten Rooms</i>	Valtteri Raekallio
2015	<i>The Guest</i>	Ina Christel Johannessen

2014	<i>The Representative</i>	Valtteri Raekallio
2014	<i>Terra 0 Motel</i>	Ina Christel Johannessen
2014	<i>Non Linear</i>	Petri Kekoni
2014	<i>Fear is a habit - dance film</i>	Valtteri Raekallio
2013	<i>Where Does the Light Go?</i>	Valtteri Raekallio
2013	<i>Seven men</i>	Elina Lajunen (director)
2013	<i>Reddress</i> (Helsinki Festival)	Minna Vainikainen - Aamu Song (design)
2013	<i>Runovaara 2013</i> (Kajaanin Runoviikot)	Valtteri Raekallio & Auri Ahola
2013	<i>Waiting Song</i> –dance film	Valtteri Raekallio & Inka Tiitinen
2013	<i>Game of Three</i>	Jarkko Mandelin
2012	<i>100 ways to laugh</i>	Jyrki Karttunen
2012	<i>Himlens Rymd – Empty Sky</i> (film)	Maria Ruotsala (director)
2012	<i>HELYES!</i> (Stockholm)	Kenneth Kvarnström
2011	(play)	Kenneth Kvarnström
2011	<i>More or less love songs</i>	Liisa Risu
2011	<i>YOUMAKEME</i>	Kenneth Kvarnström
2011	<i>Jokamiehen koreografiakoulu</i>	Kenneth Kvarnström
2010	<i>Destruction Song II</i>	Kenneth Kvarnström
2010	<i>XPSD</i>	Kenneth Kvarnström
2010	<i>North Horizon</i> –dance film	Valtteri Raekallio & Thomas Freundlich
2009	<i>Drawing Tiger Like a Dog</i>	Linda Kapetanea & Jozef Fruček
2009	<i>A Trip</i>	Tommi Kitti
2009	<i>Hardcore hump</i>	Harri Kuorelahti
2009	<i>Girls and Boys</i>	Tommi Kitti
2008	<i>softandhard</i>	Anton Lachky
2008	<i>no-no</i>	Kenneth Kvarnström
2008	<i>Echo, Arrow and Chain</i>	Ikuyo Kuroda
2008	<i>Darlings</i>	Tommi Kitti
2007	<i>Something Spooked the Horses...</i>	Ina Christel Johannessen
2007	<i>Kajo</i>	Mammu Rankanen
2007	<i>Act of Unknown</i>	Harri Kuorelahti
2007	<i>Urges</i>	Teemu Kyytinen
2007	<i>If Not Too Happy</i>	Jenni Kivelä
2006	<i>Apospasmata</i>	Andonis Foniadakis
2006	<i>du-dun-duu</i>	Tommi Kitti
2006	<i>Beauty and the Beast</i> (musical)	Gunilla Olsson, dir. Hans Berndtsson
2006	<i>In the Penal Colony</i> (opera)	Thomas Freundlich, dir. J. Lehmusvuo
2006	<i>Face Bride</i> (theatre play)	Kong Xinyuan, dir. & chor.
2005	<i>Duet from the piece: Vestibule</i>	Tommi Kitti
2005	<i>Spring arrive...</i>	Tommi Kitti
2005	<i>Raw Dog</i>	Simo Kellokumpu
2005	<i>Leap</i>	Tommi Kitti
2005	<i>Lucid Dreaming</i>	Alpo Aaltokoski
2004	<i>Kilimanjaro</i>	Tommi Kitti
2004	<i>Piece for a Small Stage</i>	Tommi Kitti
2003	<i>Rasputin</i> (opera)	Perti Kekoni, dir. Vilppu Kiljunen
2003	<i>In the Wrong Key</i>	Tommi Kitti
2003	<i>Cinderella</i> (musical)	Javier Torres, ohj. Kurt Nuotio
2002	<i>White Dance</i>	Tommi Kitti
2002	<i>Small Things In Silence</i>	Tommi Kitti
2002	<i>Three Sections, of which Two for Flute</i>	Tommi Kitti
2002	<i>The Green Armchair</i>	Petri Kekoni
2002	<i>Improvisations</i>	eRRe, Kitti, Kela, Sirén & kumppanit
2001	<i>the Hobbit</i>	Marjo Kuusela
2001	<i>A Plain</i>	Tommi Kitti
2001	<i>Babolat</i>	Susanna Leinonen
2001	<i>Fall the Butterfly Back</i>	Minna Tuovinen & Martin Heslop
2000	<i>Crawl the Butterfly Back</i>	Minna Tuovinen & Martin Heslop
2000	<i>Access Granted</i>	Merja Snellman
2000	<i>Arabella</i> (opera)	Aku Ahjolinna, ohj. Lisbet Landefort
2000	<i>DST</i> (opera)	Aku Ahjolinna, ohj. Lisbet Landefort