

Ilkka Paloniemi



Master of Theatre Arts, leading consultant, theatre consultant, lighting systems designer, 3D specialist, lighting designer, scenographer, light art specialist

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date of birth

22.09. 1964 in Kemi, Finland

education, degrees, experience

Theatre Academy of Helsinki Master of Theatre Arts 2008

Theatre Academy of Helsinki studies since 1998

Theatre Academy of Helsinki qualified pedagogical degree 2003

Experience in performance arts since 1980

Qualified pyro technician 1990

Several hundreds of art and event projects since 1981

skills

Light art, lighting designs for hundreds of projects and concerts, event space consulting, project management, stage mechanics, 3D modeling, CAD drawing, technical design, producing, teaching and presentations.

language skills

finnish, english, swedish

current employee

Granlund Oy leading consultant SKOL02 2014-

past employees

2006-2014 Teakon, theatre academy of Finland, head of dept.

2002-2006 Savonlinna Opera Festival, technical producer

1993-2006 Redrock Oy lighting design office. Founder, lighting designer, producer

1992 – 1993 Eastway Oy lighting designer

1988 – 1992 Billdaley Oy system engineer

experience in teaching

Courses in lighting design, 3D modeling, CAD drawing, production planning, TV and film lighting.

Aalto University, lectures in event space design 2021-2024

Tampere University of Applied Sciences 1995-2003

Art University, Theatre Academy of Helsinki 1995-2014

Kemi-Tornio University of Applied Sciences 1997-1998

Karelia University of Applied Sciences 2004-2007

Aalto University 1995-2010

memberships

Artists' Association MUU ry

Finnish Light Art Society FLASH, founder

Union of Lighting and Sound Designers in Finland SVÄL

Oistat, International Organization of Scenographers,

Theatre Architects and Technicians

ESTA Entertainment Services and Technology Association

scholarships

Finnish Cultural Foundation: Research of Digital Lighting 2002

researchs

Theatre Academy of Finland, research for digital lighting 2003-2007

competitions

Espoo cultural center architectural competition 2017. Event space specialist in Verstas Architects team. 1st.

Suvilahti Event Hub architectural competition 2020. Event Space specialist in Lahdelma & Mahlamäki Architects team. 3rd.

Camerimage, Poland 2021. Event Space specialist in Lahdelma & Mahlamäki Architects team.

Kouvola theatre competition 2024. Theatre consultant in LPR architects team.

main assignments

theatres, concert halls, cultural houses, museums, light art

Performance art technology and space design (selected):

Kouvola theatre, leading consultant in renovation of theatre technology, 2024

Vernissa cultural factory leading renovation designer in AV technology, 2024

Finnish National Theatre, leading consultant in renovation of theatre technology, 2022

Finlandia hall leading renovation designer in AV technology, 2017-2024

Jyväskylä City Theatre leading designer in theatre technologies, 2016-2025

Serlachius museum, lighting consultant, 2014

The Dance House, master plan consultant, 2013

Lappeenranta City Theatre, theatre technology design, leading consultant, 2014

Savoy theatre, theatre technology design, leading consultant, 2012

Cirko, house of new circus, theatre technology design, leading consultant, 2013

Karl Fazer Oy, renovation of exhibition space, leading consultant, 2010

Wasa Teatern, consultant for master plan of renovation, 2010

Music Hall, 3D modeling, consultant for lighting systems purchase, 2008

Finlandia hall, lighting designer, consultant, 2016-2024
Espoo cultural centre, consultant, 2010-2023

lighting designs for theatre, opera and dance

Several performances including:

Drive or Die 1994, Cable Factory

Besök av en dam 1996, Swedish Theatre

Me and my girl 1996, Swedish Theatre

Aleksis Kivi-opera 1997, Savonlinna Opera Festival

Aleksis Kivi-opera 1998 Mullhouse, Strasbourg, Coscenza

Faust 1999 Savonlinna Opera Festival, lighting designer

Gekko 1999 Q-theatre, scenographer

Helsinki European Cultural Capital 2000 opening ceremony

Fanciulle del West, Finnish National Opera 2001

Falling Land, contemporary dance 2001

The Green Arm Chair, contemporary dance 2002

Carmen, Pori Opera 2003

Rigoletto, Gothenburg Opera 2004

Storm, Vaasa City Theatre 2007

Madama Butterfly 2009. 2010, 2014, 2018 Savonlinna Opera Festival

Madama Butterfly Malmö Opera 2010

Aida, Finnish National Opera 2010

Taistelu, Turku European Cultural Capital 2011, scenographer

La Fenice Savonlinnan oopperajuhlat 2012

European Athletics Championships, opening ceremony 2012, head designer

Miniatures, contemporary dance 2013

Kullervo, Savonlinna Opera Festival 2014, 2018

light art

PLASMAT neon art exhibition, Särkilahti Blå 2025

Seismic Pulse, laser sound art installation Lux Helsinki 2025

Plasma Bees neon art Reflektor Malmi 2024, Arvika Ljus 2024

AC AIR 2024 neon sign, city of light Jyväskylä event 2024

Ipnos – whisper of birds sound and light art piece in Kruununuorenranta 2022 curator

Dance House Helsinki member of jury in light art competition 2021

UMBRA light art festival Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain, invited lecturer 2021

Utu – Status of Dreams sound and light art piece in Kruununuorenranta 2021 curator

Nordic Lights, light art festival Toronto, curator 2021

Nobel Week Lights, light art event Stockholm, consultant 2021

Telegraph of Time - radio laser art work in Helsinki Olympic Tower 2020-2021

House of Dance, Helsinki member of jury in open call for permanent light art piece 2020

Krono – the Echo of Light, sound and light art piece in Kruununuorenranta 2020 curator

Espoo Visual Festival, chief curator 2019

UMBRA festival Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain, 2019 event and light art consultant

Space Scanning kinetic light art work for Flash 2 light art biennial 2019

Flash Vallisaari light art exhibition by Finnish Light Art Society chief curator FLASH 2018

Peace Ltd, light art work, neon 2018, exhibited in Loiste Ylöjärvi and Luna Media Art Festival Leeuwarden Netherlands 2024

Light nights in Gatchina international light festival in St Petersburg, Russia 2018 and 2019 member of jury

Lichtungen light art festival Hildesheim 2015, 2018 invited seminar lecturer

iMapp International Mapping Contest Bucharest Romania 2016 member of jury

Lights On Raasepori light art completion Finland 2016 member of jury

Lux Helsinki art and tech director, chief curator 2011-2023

Glow Eindhoven light art festival 2015 invited seminar

lecturer

Filux Mexico light art festival 2015 invited seminar lecturer

ILO International Light Festival Organization member

2015-2019

Juntta light art piece in European cultural capital Turku

2011

Kuula light art piece presented 2001, 2006 and 2014 in

Forces of Light and Lux Helsinki 2015

Monte Carlo digital light art piece Galleria Kandela 2010