

# Satu Tuomisto

## Contemporary Dance Choreographer

**Satu Tuomisto loves sweaty physicality, explicit emotions and experimental choreographic challenges.**



- **A five-year Artist Grant** from Arts Promotion Centre Finland, 2014
- 638 kilo Tanz Festival (Germany), Jury's **First Prize** for Vimmaa (Frenzy), 2012
- The Place Prize –competition (UK), **First Prize**, part of Choreographer Nina Rajarani's artistic team, 2006
- Biennale Danza e Italia - Guglielmo Ebreo Prize -competition (Italy), **semi-finalist** with Viivana (Speedy), 2006

## Latest Choreographies

- **VauvaVau** – contemporary dance performance for baby audiences, 2 dancers and 1 musician, 30 mins  
Premiere Hurraa Festival Pikku-Aurora 23.3.2017  
On Tour: Stoa, Annantalo, Vaippakansan karnevaalit/Malmitalo, Sellosali  
Funding: Arts Promotion Centre Finland
- **Juhlakalu** – immersive site-specific dance performance, 8 performers, 120 mins  
Premiere 20.11.2016 Villa in Kulosaari / Stoa  
Supported by: Kone Foundation, Huber Art Foundation, Finnish Cultural Foundation, Arts Promotion Centre Finland  
In collaboration: Stoa
- **NelkytPlus** – dance theatre, 4 dancers, 50 mins  
Premiere Cultural Centre Valve 3.11.2016
- **Resonance** – concert by Nathan Riki Thomson, 1 dancer, 60 mins  
3.6.2016 Helsinki Music Centre, Black Box
- **Kilpailuttajat (The Tendering Party)** – contemporary dance performance, 2 dancers and occasionally 1 dancing musician on stage, 50 mins, Collective Tuomisto Tarvainen Santos Lähdeoja Kivinen  
Premiere 31.5.2016 Vapaan Taiteen Tila, Helsinki  
Supported by: Arts Promotion Centre Finland, Samuel Huber Art Foundation, City of Helsinki Cultural Office  
Residencies: Dansarena Nord (Norway), TROIS C-L (Luxemburg)
- **Puoliksi täynnä (Half Full)** – contemporary dance performance, 2 dancers, 40 mins  
Premiere 21.4.2016, 100 performances in 100 different locations during 2016-2018  
Supported by: Arts Promotion Centre Finland, City of Helsinki Cultural Office

- **Dance like a Mofo** – performance art, 3 dancers and 5 musicians, 20 mins  
Collective with Peloton band  
Premiere 8.4.2016 Cultural Centre Caisa  
On tour: Jättömaa Festival in Kouvola
- **Riisuttuna (Bare)** - contemporary dance performance, 3 dancers and 1 musician on stage, 55 mins  
Premiere 14.3.2014 Oulu City Theatre  
Produced by: JoJo – Oulu Dance Centre, Oulu City Theatre  
In collaboration with: Oulu Music Festival  
Funding: Kone Foundation, Wihuri Foundation, Arts Promotion Centre Finland  
Residencies: Cross Move Company, Routa
- **Sinua (You)** – contemporary dance performance for folk dancers, 2 dancers, 25 mins. **Sinua** is part of **Kinos (Snowdrift)** triple bill, choreographed by three Artistic Directors of the Regional Dance Centre for Northern Finland  
Premiere 22.7.2013 Fullmoon Dance Festival, Pyhäjärvi  
Produced by: Regional Dance Centre for Northern Finland ie JoJo – Oulu Dance Centre, Rimpparemmi Folk Ensemble, Routa Company and Fullmoon Dance Festival  
On tour: OuDance Festival/Oulu 13.9.2013, Ranua, Kajaani, Rovaniemi
- **Halu (Urge)** –contemporary dance performance, 6 dancers and 2 musicians on stage, 25 mins  
Premiere 27.2.2013 M Theatre Seoul South Korea  
Produced by: NOW Dance Company (South Korea), Matralab/Hexagram (Canada), JoJo – Oulu Dance Centre
- **Vimmaa (Frenzy)** – contemporary dance performance, 4 dancers and 1 musician on stage, 55 mins  
Premiere 20.9.2012 Oulu City Theatre  
Produced by: JoJo – Oulu Dance Centre, Oulu City Theatre  
Funding: Finnish Cultural Foundation - North Ostrobothnia, Arts Council of Finland and Huber Art Foundation  
On Tour: Springdance (Utrecht, Holland) 23.4.2012, 638 Kilo Tanz (Essen, Germany) 19.10.2012, Yokohama Dance Collection Ex (Yokohama, Japan) 3.2.2013, Seoul (South Korea) 27.-28.2.2013, Dans i Novembermörkret (Skellefteå, Sweden) 21.11.2013, Alone in the rain festival/Joensuu City Theatre 23.11.2013, Hämeenlinna City Theatre 24.11.2013, Helsinki 3.-4.12.2013, 8 Internacional Festival de Ballet – Incolballet (Cali, Colombia) 4.-5.6.2014
- **Kättilö** – choreography for Katja Kettu's play Kättilö  
Premiere 8.9.2012 Oulu City Theatre, performances until May 2013
- **Leiki Koreografia (Play The Choreographer)** – interactive dance game, 2 dancers, 30-60 mins  
Premiere 12.-15.9.2012 Finnkino Plaza, Oulu University, Rotuaari stage, Cultural Centre Valve  
Produced by: Satu Tuomisto +Comp, Rock Dice, Musta-Pekka  
In collaboration with: JoJo – Oulu Dance Centre, Oulun Kongressiteknikka
- **Lähellä (Close)** – Finnish National Ballet commission, music by Jukka Poika and Selecta Andor, 6 dancers, 15 mins  
Premiere 9.9.2011 Alminsali Finnish National Opera  
On Tour: Sellosali 23.9.2011, Finnish National Ballet's Summer Tour 3.-14.6.2012, Dance with Dancers 2011 + 2012
- **Kara ja Oke (Kara and Oke)** – contemporary dance performance, 15 dancers, 60 mins  
Premiere 20.4.2011 Nightclub Tähti  
Produced by: JoJo – Oulu Dance Centre, Oamk  
Funding: Arts Council of Finland
- **Keittiöpöydällä (On the Kitchen Table)** – contemporary dance with Mariska & Pahat Sudet orchestra,  
4 dancers and 4 musicians on stage, 65 mins  
Premiere 22.1.2011 Cable Factory, Pannuhalli

Produced by: Zodiak Centre for New Dance

Funding: Arts Council of Finland, The Finnish Performing Music Promotion Centre, Huber Art Foundation

- **Säättö** – contemporary dance with Samba bateria Imperio Do Papagaio, 5 dancers and 11 musicians on stage, 45 mins  
Premiere 5.8.2010 URB Festival Kiasma  
In collaboration with: Helsinki City, RFSU, Dansens Hus (Copenhagen)
- **Olenko Olento (Am I A Creature)** – contemporary dance for young people, Dance Theatre Raatikko, 3 dancers, 45 mins  
Premiere 4.9.2009  
On Tour: over 100 performances around Finland
- **Huu, haukka haukkaan** – contemporary dance performance, 4 dancers, 65 mins  
Premiere 31.10.2008 Cultural Centre Valve  
Produced by: JoJo - Oulu Dance Centre  
On Tour: Zodiak Centre for New Dance 1.12.2009
- **Tell Me Something** – contemporary dance performance, 1 dancer, 18 mins  
Premiere: 18.1.2008 Theatre 140 (Brussels) Europalia Festival  
Funding: Finnish Cultural Institute for the Benelux (Brussels)  
In collaboration with: Clarence Mews (London)  
On Tour: 22.5.2008 Mousonturm Theatre (Frankfurt) European Dance Platform Festival, 6.-7.11.2010 Archauz (Århus) Junge Hunde Festival, 12.8.2012 UudenPolvenMuseon Dance Event Jyväskylä
- **Mirjami ja Mikael (Mirjami and Mikael)** – contemporary dance performance, 2 dancers, 35 mins  
Premiere 2007 Zodiak  
Produced by: Zodiak Centre for New Dance  
Funding: Arts Council of Finland, Huberin taidesäätiö  
In collaboration with: Ivana Helsinki, Tapettitalo, Veljekset Laakkonen Oy  
On Tour: Joensuu City Theatre Alone in the rain Festival 2008, Theatre 140 (Brussels) Europalia Festival 18.1.2008
- **Viivana (Speedy)** – contemporary dance performance, 4 dancers, 55 mins  
Premiere 2006 Zodiak  
Produced by: Zodiak Centre for New Dance  
Funding: Arts Council of Finland  
In collaboration with: Nanso, Multiprint  
On Tour: The Place Spring Loaded 2006, Biennale Danza e Italia (Italy) 2006, JoJo – Oulu Dance Centre 2006

## Other work

- Artistic Director of JoJo – Oulu Dance Centre 2011-2013
- Educational work since 2000: choreographies for Dance School Sonja Tammela in Lappeenranta, several audience development projects with Zodiak eg. at Rastila Youth Centre, Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, Helsingin tanssiopisto Dance School and Tanssivintti Dance School, educational work with Dance Theatre Raatikko eg. at schools in Vantaa and Tanssisana-project for non-Finnish speaking immigrant children, Myrsky-project for young people in danger of exclusion and a large amount of workshops in London in youth clubs and schools
- Artistic Director of Shake Ur Arts organisation 2006-2009 (London, UK)
- Camera operator and director at The Place and South Bank Centre (London, UK) 2002-09 and Zodiak 2010,

and several freelance camera op and editor projects in London eg. Royal Opera House (London, UK)

- Educational Assistant at Random Dance (London, UK), 2003
- Administrator for Dance On Screen festival and The Video Place, The Place (London, UK), 2001-03