

PETTERI SAARIO



Portfolio

WORK SAMPLES



RAP AND REINDEER

An 18-year-old Sámi rapper on his journey towards a career in music and stardom. A film about the urge to create one's own version of Sámi culture.

DOCUMENTARY FILM | 75 min. | TO BE RELEASED 2023

TRAILER <https://vimeo.com/714519610>

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MAIDEN OF THE LAKE

A family film that will let you experience the breathtaking nature and animals of a lake through the eyes of a young girl.

DOCUMENTARY FILM | 71 min. | 2019

- *Best Finnish Film. Oulu International Children's and Youth Film Festival 2019*
- *ECFA Documentary Award. Film'On - International Film Festival for Young Audiences 2020*

TRAILER https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oslKdf_YczA

CITIZEN JANE
PRODUCTIONS
PRESENTS

A FILM BY **PETTERI SAARIO**

WINTER LAKE

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COMPOSER **MARKKU KANERVA** GRAPHIC DESIGNER **VIIVI VEIVO** PRODUCERS **ELINA POHJOLA, LEILA LYYTIKÄINEN / CITIZEN JANE PRODUCTIONS**

WINTER LAKE

Winter Lake tells about the fun moments 13-year-old Emika and her cousin Antti have at a lake during the winter, surrounded by fascinating nature. Together the cousins sleep on the frozen lake, under the northern lights. They also build a Saimaa ringed seal out of snow and take a dip to the ice-cold lake.

SHORT DOCUMENTARY | 15 min. | 2019

- *Finalist at IDFA Kids&Docs Category in Amsterdam 2019*
- *Best Short & Medium Length documentary Award at Olympia International Film Festival for Children and Young People*
- *FRIESE Prize at Mo&Friese Children's Short Film Festival in Hamburg 2021*
- *Audience Award. KUKI – International Short Film Festival for Children and Youth Berlin 2020*

TRAILER https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nz_PDIOsGLw



ACTIVIST

A documentary about a determined young girl in Finnish Lapland who commences a battle against one of the world's largest mining companies.

DOCUMENTARY FILM | 57 min. | 2017

- *Best Documentary Award. Northern Character Green Screen International Film Festival, Russia*
- *Special Prize of the Jury. EcoFest International Festival of Ecology Films 2019*
- *Best One Hour Documentary. CinemAmbiente, Italy 2018*

TRAILER <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7DkQ6P0il08>

DOCART ESITTÄÄ
dokumenttisarjan

VEDEN VALTAKUNTA

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WORLDS OF WATER

FATHER AND SON AT THE WONDERS OF WATER

A documentary series about water and aquatic nature

EPISODES

1. THE WONDERFUL NATURE OF WATER
2. WATER TREATS
3. A DIVE TO FINLAND
4. MYTHICAL WATER
5. FINNISH WATERWAYS
6. WATER –THE OLDEST CURE

TV DOCUMENTARY SERIES | 6 x 30 min. | 2020

<https://www.vedenvaltakunta.fi/index.php/worlds-of-water/>

TRAILER <https://player.vimeo.com/video/398242736?h=d3a66ecdab>

ohjaus, leikkaus, kuvaus PETTERI SAARIO, ilma- ja makrokuvaukset ANTTI SAARIO, käsikirjoitus PETTERI SAARIO, SARI ORKOMIES, äänisuunnittelu JOONATAN HIETANEN
sävellykset PERTTU HIETANEN, ROOPE AARNIO, VEERA VOIMA, tilaajat YLE / TIMO JARVI, ILKKA SAARI, tuotanto DOCART / TIINA SAARIO ja PETTERI SAARIO

Ilma- ja makrokuvaukset toteutettiin Euroopan unionin LIFE ohjelmasta. Avustuksen saajilla huojasella sen tekijöiden oikeuksissa, eikä Euroopan komissio tai EASME ole vastuussa avustuksen sisältämien tietojen käytöstä.



RAIIA JA OSSI
TUULIAISEN SAATIO



FOREST VISIONS

Forest. Each of us has a relationship with it
- and no wonder, because Finland is the most
forested country in Europe.
But there are many kinds of forests – as well as
perceptions of the forest.
And they change – as they always have.

FOREST VISIONS

ARVOKAS METSÄMME

A media entity consisting of a feature length documentary and online content that dives into the utilization of our forests from many different perspectives. It portrays today's visionaries and developers who see the use of forest resources in a new way.

At the same time, Forest Visions is a documentary about Finns' different relationships with forests.

DOCUMENTARY FILM | 80 min. | 2019
+ 30 MIN. VERSION FOR EDUCATIONAL USE

WEB CONTENT www.arvokasmetsamme.fi



MAGIC OF THE WILDERNESS

Magic of the Wilderness portrays the untouched nature of the Finnish wilderness, packed with immaterial natural resources such as silence, darkness and the intact scenery. The series tells us a story of our increasingly fragile relationship with nature, and our innermost longing to live in harmony with the nature.

TV DOCUMENTARY SERIES | 6 x 30 min. | 2016

- *Best Short Documentary. Barents Ecology Film Festival 2016*
- *Award for Beauty and Humanism. Green Vision Festival 2016*
- *2nd Prize in the Nordic Films Category. Wildlife Vaasa International Nature Film Festival 2016*

TRAILER https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6w_b5v596E

A person is shown floating underwater, wearing a light blue, flowing dress. The water is dark and clear, with some light reflecting off the surface. The person's legs are extended downwards, and their arms are slightly raised. The overall mood is serene and ethereal.

HERITAGE OF WATER

Cross-art performance combining cinema, live contemporary dance and live folk music about the significance of water

CROSS-ART PROJECT | 2013

Workgroup Petteri Saario, Virva Tolonen ja Veera Voima

- *Part of Finland's Exhibition Pavilion at Frankfurt Book Fair 2014*

FRONTIER LIFE

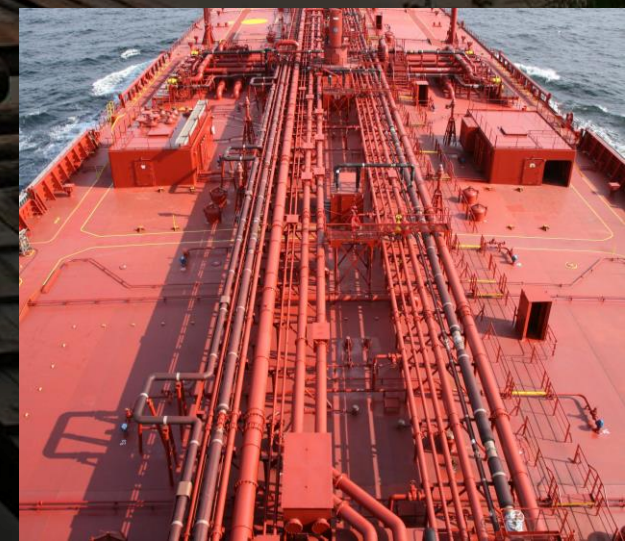
Documentary series about the border between
Finland and Russia

1. OIL ON THE WAVES
2. SACRED LADOGA
3. VIENA KARELIA OF MY HEART
4. HIDDEN PARADISE OF RUSSIAN KARELIA
5. BORDERLESS LOVE
6. THE SAMI OF THE TUNDRA

TV DOCUMENTARY SERIES | 6 x 30 min. | 2009

- *Grand Prix at Matsalu Nature Film Festival 2010*
- *Winner of Best Nordic Film at Vaasa Wildlife Film Festival 2010*
- *Honorary Mention at International Wildlife Film Festival in Missoulassa USA 2010*

Link to Yle Areena <https://areena.yle.fi/1-50610852>



A photograph of two swans in flight over a body of water during sunset. The swans are white with dark wings and are captured in mid-flight, their wings spread wide. The background shows a soft, golden glow from the setting sun, with a dark silhouette of a forest on the horizon.

NATURE OF FINLAND

A documentary film about the Finnish nature and the nature of the Finns during the period of the independency.

DOCUMENTARY FILM & CROSS-ART PROJECT | 57 min. | 2007

TV broadcast 2007 YLE TV1

A cross-art performance blending cinema and live music was produced for the celebrations of Finland's 90th year of independence

Special Jury Prize and Diploma for the Best Camera Work. World of Knowledge International Festival of Popular Science Films, St Petersburg 2009

SERGEI THE HEALER

A touching and warm depiction of the life in a small Russian Karelian village

DOCUMENTARY FILM | 103 min. | 2017

- *Silver Horn Award. Krakow Film Festival 2009*
- *Selected to Free Thought Documentary Programme at Moscow International Film Festival 2009*
- *Finalist at Prix Europa 2008*
- *Most Watched Documentary of the Year 2009 in NDR's prime time slot*





PEARLS OF THE BALTIC SEA

Documentary series about the exceptional wildlife of the Baltic Sea islands and the historical change of the everyday life of the islanders

TV DOCUMENTARY SERIES | 4 x 45 min. | 2004

- *1st Prize in Man and Nature Category at Matsalu International Nature Film Festival 2006*
- *Honourable Mention of Koura Foundation for the best television programs broadcasted in Finland in 2004*

Link to Yle Areena <https://areena.yle.fi/1-50866519>

THE SISU STONE

A documentary about the year-round survival of a family living on Husö, a small outer island in the Åland Archipelago

TV DOCUMENTARY | 63 min. | 2006 |

- *Honorary Mention at International Nature Film Festival (IWFF) in Missoula 2006*
- *Special Prize of Jury at Wildlife Vaasa Nature Film Festival 2004*
- *Selected to Nordic Light Programme at Gothenburg Film Festival 2004*

The Sisu Stone



VILLAGE OF THE SLEEPING BEAUTY



A story about the miracle of survival. Portrait of Viktor and Maria Popov in the village of Paanajärvi in Viena Karelia.

DOCUMENTARY FILM | 53 min. | 2001

- *Finalist at Prix Europa 2002, on TOP5 Short List of Europe's Best TV Documentary*
- *Grand Award at Japan Wildlife Film Festival 2003*

WILD WILD CANARY

THE LAST WHISTLE OF THE GUANCHE

A documentary about the unique nature of the Canary Islands and the impact of mass tourism on it

DOCUMENTARY FILM | 54 min. | 2000

- *Best Documentary Award at International Environmental Film Festival in Istanbul 2001*
- *Best Environmental Documentary Award at EcoTourInd Festival 2001*





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