



KATRI JOHANNA KOIVUNEVA

CONTEMPORARY DANCE ARTIST • MEDIA EDUCATOR • DOCTORAL RESEARCHER

PROFILE

Katri Koivuneva is a Finnish contemporary dance artist, media educator and doctoral researcher whose work bridges choreography, interdisciplinary research and educational practice. Her practice explores embodiment, technology, learning and collective experience across artistic, academic and organisational contexts.

Through performance, research, teaching and facilitation, she creates connections between artistic practice, learning and society.

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CURRENT ROLES

Managing Director
Pohjoinen liike / Northern Movement
2024–ongoing

Doctoral Researcher
Media Education Hub
University of Lapland

Artist · Researcher · Teacher · Facilitator · Consultant

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Choreography & Performance
- Dramaturgy & Artistic Direction
- Interdisciplinary Artistic Creation
- Artistic Production
- Research & Academic Writing
- Higher Education Teaching
- Workshops & Facilitation
- Organisational Development & Consulting

RESEARCH VISION

My research examines how human agency, learning and wellbeing are shaped by the environments and technologies through which we increasingly think, study and interact.

I am particularly interested in metacognition: how people become aware of their own learning, regulate their actions and navigate complexity, uncertainty and change.

Working across media education, higher education and learning sciences, I seek to understand how learning environments can support reflective, resilient and self-directed human beings — and how education might evolve as our relationship with technology continues to transform.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

MEDIA EDUCATION · HIGHER EDUCATION · HYBRID LEARNING
METACOGNITION · LEARNING PROFILES · STUDENT WELLBEING
DIGITAL PEDAGOGY · LEARNING ANALYTICS · AI & LEARNING
QUANTITATIVE METHODS · QUALITATIVE METHODS
EMBODIMENT · MULTIMETHOD RESEARCH · SUSTAINABLE PEDAGOGY

EDUCATION

Doctoral Researcher, Media Education — ongoing
University of Lapland

MA, Adult Education / Higher Education Pedagogy
University of Helsinki

BA, Adult Education / Social Psychology
University of Helsinki

Professional Dance Training
Finnish National Opera Ballet School

Dance Movement Therapy & Somatic Practice
Metropolia University of Applied Sciences / Uniarts Helsinki

Feminist Leadership Platform
UrbanApa (UTT ry)

LANGUAGE
Finnish – English – Swedish – Italian

ARTISTIC VISION

My artistic work examines how bodies, identities and collective experience are shaped by the social, spatial, technological and institutional structures through which we move.

I am particularly interested in how choreography, spatial and digital dramaturgy, and interdisciplinary collaboration can make systems of power, perception, belonging and agency sensorially present — not only as ideas, but as embodied experience.

Working across contemporary dance, performance and site-responsive practice, I seek to create spaces for reflection, uncertainty and shared presence — and to explore how art might help us imagine different ways of relating to one another in an increasingly technological world.

ARTISTIC FOCUS

EMBODIMENT · TIME & PERCEPTION · POWER & SYSTEMS
SPATIAL & DIGITAL DRAMATURGY
INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION
COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCE
SENSORY & AFFECTIVE PRACTICES
SUSTAINABLE ARTISTIC PRODUCTION

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2025
Kekäläinen & Company
Choreographer's Assistant / Communications Specialist

2024
Zodiak Presents ry
Producer, substitute

2022–2024
Raekallio Corp.
Producer / Production Coordinator

2019–2021
Finnish National Agency for Education
Project Manager

2018–2019
Human Rights Centre
Researcher

2017
Lightneer Inc.
Undergraduate Researcher / Project Coordinator

2015–2017
Metropolia University of Applied Sciences
Project Coordinator

2001–
Freelance Dance Artist & Choreographer

AFFILIATIONS

- Pohjoinen liike / Northern Movement
- UrbanApa
- Lumikinos Production Oy
- Kekäläinen & Company
- Media Education Hub, University of Lapland
- Centre for University Teaching and Learning (HYPE), University of Helsinki
- American Educational Research Association (AERA)
- Scancor – Scandinavian Consortium for Organizational Research

Active participant in international and national research communities including AERA, EARLI, FERA, ITK and Finnish Educational Research Days.

SELECTED GRANTS AND DEVELOPMENT

2023–2026
Finnish Cultural Foundation
Personal working grant for doctoral research

2024–2025
Finnish Cultural Foundation
Travel grant for artistic work in Lithuania

2023–2024
Puistokatu 4
Research and artistic residency