

**JOHANNA TUUKKANEN**  
**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**EDUCATION**

2010 Cinars - Strategies for international touring, 25.-29.1.2010, Helsinki  
1998 Feminist Studies (basic studies), University of Oulu, Finland  
1997 Gender Studies (basic studies), University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
1997 BA Dance-Choreography, European Dance Development Center, College for Arts, Arnhem, The Netherlands  
1993 University Entrance Qualification, Kallio High School, Helsinki, Finland

**WORKHOPS (with artists i.e.)**

Lisa Nelson, Eva Karczag, Alito Alessi, Karen Nelson, Mary Fulkerson, Lisa Kraus, Tony Thatcher, Benoit Lachambre, Rachel Kaplan, Ruth Zaporah, Clarinda McLow, Mimi Goese, Martha Moore, Jorma Uotinen, Jaana and Jaap Klevering.  
Ashtanga Yoga, studying with Anne Nuotio (18 workshops) and Sri K. Pattabhi Jois (1 workshop)

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**ARTISTIC PRACTICE**

2007-08 Curator; Tou Works 1 project, Stavanger European Capital of Culture, Norway  
Since 2004 Freelance Artist  
Since 2002 Artistic Director, Co-Founder, ANTI - Contemporary Art Festival, Kuopio, Finland  
1999 Dancer, Oulu City Theatre, Oulu, Finland  
1998 Dancer-Choreographer, Artists' workshop, Oulu, Finland  
1998 Dancer in several productions, JoJo - Oulu Dance Centre, Oulu, Finland

**PRODUCING / PROJECT MANAGING**

Since Dec 2009 Artistic director - senior producer of ANTI - Contemporary Art Festival  
2005 Producer (part time), Regional Dance Centre, Kuopio, Finland  
2004 Production Assistant (part time), Regional Dance Centre Kuopio, Finland  
1999-2003 Regional Artist of Performing Arts, representing theatre, dance, music, literature and dramaturgy, Regional Arts Council of North Savo, Kuopio, Finland

**WRITING**

2007-2008 Columnist, Kuopio city newspaper  
2005 Editor, *Full Moon Dance Festival* programme  
2004 Editor, *Space for Dance*, a publication that represents 21 dance artists from Eastern Finland  
2004 Editor, *Full Moon Dance Festival* programme and Festival newspaper  
2002-2003 Columnist, Kuopio city newspaper  
Since 1999 Freelance Dance Critic and Writer. Reviews and Articles published in Savon Sanomat newspaper, Kainuun Sanomat newspaper, Tanssi-lehti (Finnish Dance magazine), Dance International magazine, Kaltio magazine, Arsis magazine and online at [www.liikekieli.com](http://www.liikekieli.com)

**TEACHING**

2010 educational live art project, Hatsala secondary school, Kuopio, Finland  
2009 guest teacher in live art studies, Savonia Polytechnic, Music and Dance, Kuopio, Finland  
2007-08 guest teacher i.e. in Savonia Polytechnic, Music and Dance, Kuopio  
2006 Body work, Workshop, Kuopio Dance Festival  
2004 Body work, Workshop (15 h), Iholla ry, Turku, Finland  
1998 Visiting Lecturer in "Political potentials of the body", Northern Women's Studies, University of Oulu, Finland  
1998 Lecturer in "Masculinity and Femininity in Movement", Gender Studies Conference, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

**LECTURER / PANELLIST**

2011 participating in Curators' Seminar as part of Performanssi 2011, Ateneum theatre, Helsinki, Finland  
2011 presenting ANTI - Contemporary Art Festival, MINTO: LIVE, Sydney Festival, Australia  
2010 presenting ANTI - Contemporary Art Festival, Accion!MAD -festival, Madrid, Spain  
2010 presenting ANTI - Contemporary Art Festival, What is a festival? Conference at Reykjavik Public Space Programme, Iceland  
2010 presenting ANTI - Contemporary Art Festival, Cesis contemporary art festival, Latvia  
2010 *Managing art festivals*, HUMAK Polytechnic, Jyväskylä, Finland  
2009 *Visiting artist's views*, Live Art and performance studies, Theatre Academy, Helsinki, Finland  
2009 *presenting ANTI - Contemporary Art Festival*, Site specific theatre symposium at CUNY, New York, USA  
2009 *presenting ANTI - Contemporary Art Festival*, Trouble 5# Festival, Brussels, Belgium  
2008 *Issues of documenting site specific works at the ANTI Festival 2002- 2007*, PSI #14 -konference, Copenhagen, Denmark  
2007 *Site specific performance art*; Kunstbanken, Hamar, Norway

2006 *Finnish structures for Live Art, Amorph06!*  
Festival, Helsinki, Finland

2006 *Body/site*, Olohuone seminar, Turku, Finland

2005 *Timeout* seminar, Kuopio, Finland

2005 *Woman and art*, Lonely in the Rain? Festival,  
Joensuu, Finland

2005 *New creators of dance*, Full Moon Dance Festival,  
Pyhäjärvi, Finland

#### **POSITIONS OF TRUST**

Since 2010 chair, Regional Dance Centre of Eastern Finland  
Association, Finland

Since 2009 board member, Regional Dance Centre of Eastern  
Finland Association, Finland

2007-2009 ANTI - Contemporary Art Festival Association,  
Kuopio, Finland

2005-2007 Chair, ANTI - Contemporary Art Festival  
Association, Kuopio, Finland

2004-2007 Board Member, Regional Dance Centre Kuopio  
Association

2004-2007 Member, Regional Dance Centre Kuopio Artistic Board

2003 - 2004 Chair, Kuopio Artists' Association

2002-2009 Regional Contact for the Finnish Dance Artists'  
Union

1999 - 2003 Member, Literature and Dance Working Teams of  
Eastern Finland

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

Finnish Dance Artists' Union  
Finnish Critics' Association

#### **ARTISTIC WORK**

##### **GRANTS**

2011 Three-year Artist's Grant, Arts council of Finland

2010 Grant for artistic work, Regional Dance Centre of  
Eastern Finland

2010 Production grant, National council for dance

2009 Production grant, City of Kuopio

2009 Production Support, Regional Dance Centre Kuopio

2009 Production grant, National council for dance

2009 One-year Artist's Grant, National council for dance

2009 Production Support, Regional Dance Centre Kuopio

2008 Production Support, Regional Dance Centre Kuopio

2008 Production grant, City of Kuopio

2008 One-year Artist's Grant, Regional Arts Council of  
North Savo

2008 Production Grant, Arts Council of Finland

2007 Production grant, National council for dance,

2007 Nordic culture point, mobility funding to visit  
Iceland

2007 Production Support, Regional Dance Centre Kuopio

2007 Travel grant, Finnish-Icelandic Cultural Foundation

2007 Production Grant, City of Kuopio

2007 Production Grant, Arts Council of Finland

2007 One-year Artist's Grant, Regional Arts Council of  
North Savo

2007 Production Support, Regional Dance Centre Kuopio

2006 Production Support, Regional Dance Centre Kuopio

2006 One-year Artist's Grant, Regional Arts Council of North Savo

2006 Travel Grant to visit Stockholm, Finnish-Swedish Cultural Foundation

2006 Production Grant, City of Kuopio

2006 Production Grant, Arts Council of Finland

2005 Production Support, Regional Dance Centre Kuopio

2005 Production Grant, Arts Council of Finland

2005 Travel Grant, Arts Council of Finland

2005 Production Grant, City of Kuopio

2005 6-months Artist's Grant, Regional Arts Council of North Savo

2005 Production Grant, Arts Council of Finland

2004 Artist's Grant, North Savo Foundation of the Finnish Cultural Foundation

2004 Production Grant, City of Kuopio

2004 Travel Grant to visit Stockholm, Finnish-Swedish Cultural Foundation

2001 Production Grant, Arts Council of Finland

1999 Production Grant, Arts Council of Finland

#### **AWARDS**

2009 Art Prize, North Savo regional arts council, Finland

2007 Certificate of merit for the exceptional work done for the City of Kuopio

2006 The State Prize for the Arts, Finland

#### **WORKS**

2010 **TWIRLING WORLD starring..Miss Privilege & Miss Million-Ways**  
 Concept & choreography: Johanna Tuukkanen.  
 Performance: Sonja Jokiniemi & Johanna Tuukkanen.  
 Premiere 30.11.2010 in Sotku, Kuopio. Performances 12/2010, 03/2011 & 06/2011 in Kuopio.

2009 **ACTS OF CLOTHING** -solowork  
 Concept: Marcia Farquhar, Performance & choreography: Johanna Tuukkanen. Premiere 27.11.2009 in Sotku, Kuopio, Finland. In 2010 Paikallisliike as part of Kuopio Dance Festival, Finland, in July Full Moon Dance Festival, Finland and in August Ateneum Theatre, Helsinki, Finland, Lonely in the Rain? Festival in Joensuu, in 2011 Oulu, Jyväskylä and Kuopio.

2009 **BODY/HAIR** -solo work  
 Concept & choreography & performance: Johanna Tuukkanen. Premiere 22.4.2009 in Sotku, Kuopio, Finland.  
**HUIPPUSUORITUS - OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE** -group work  
 Concept & choreography: Johanna Tuukkanen, Performers: Sami Henrik Haapala, Vaatu Kalajoki and Johanna Tuukkanen. Premiere 8.1.2009 in Sotku, Kuopio, Finland.

2008 **Soft skin/harsh life** -solo work  
 Concept, choreography, performance: Johanna Tuukkanen, video: Maija Hirvanen, photography: Pekka Mäkinen. Premiere 9.1.2008 in Gallery Carree, Kuopio, Finland.

- Festive work** -group work  
 Concept, direction: Johanna Tuukkanen, performance: Anniina Aunola, Mirva Mattila, Sanna Valkeapää.  
 Premiere: 9.1.2008 in Gallery Carree, Kuopio, Finland.
- 2006 **Physical artistic deeds 5**  
 Conceived and performed by Johanna Tuukkanen  
 27.2.2006 Stockmann, Turku, Finland.
- 2005 **Physical artistic deeds 3: Hair**  
 Conceived by Johanna Tuukkanen  
 Performed by Emma Puikkonen, Kari Rauhansalo and Johanna Tuukkanen. 19.8.2005 Kuopio, Finland.
- 2004 **Physical artistic deeds 1: Milk**  
 Conceived and performed by Johanna Tuukkanen  
 Commissioned by the Centre of the Marginal Arts, Joensuu, Finland. Performed in the Centre of the Marginal Arts in Gallery Ahjo 13.5., Tehdas - theatre Turku 13.11.04, museum of Kuopio 12/04, Full Moon Dance Festival Pyhäjärvi 28.7.05 and Lonely in the Rain? Festival, 17.11.05, Joensuu, Finland.
- 2002 **Behind the wall**  
 Group piece, choreographed by Johanna Tuukkanen. Created for a project against domestic violence towards women. Premiered in Kuopio 23.9.2002. Performed in i.e. Iisalmi, Varkaus, Suonenjoki, Siilinjärvi, Tervo, Karttula, Vesanto, Finland.
- 2001 **Luscious**  
 A group performance, choreographed by Johanna Tuukkanen. Commissioned by Oudot Kuviot -festival in Outokumpu, Finland. Premiered 17.5.2001.
- 2000 **Castle in the Air**  
 Choreographed by Johanna Tuukkanen  
 Performed by Tapani Launonen and Pirjo Yli-Maunula. Premiered in Oulu, Finland 15.3.2000. Also performed in Tanssivirtaa -festival (Tampere), Internationales Theater (Frankfurt, Germany), Warsawa Teatr Maly (Poland), Tampere International Theatre Festival and the City theatre of Kuopio.
- 1999 **Enchanting horizon**  
 Choreographed and performed by Johanna Tuukkanen. Premiered in Oulu, Finland 11.2.1999. Also performed in the Finnish Institute in Berlin, Germany, Tanssivirtaa -festival (Tampere), Oudot Kuviot -festival (Joensuu), Full Moon Dance Festival (Pyhäjärvi), City Theatre of Kuopio, Finland
- 1997 **Miss Privilege**  
 Choreographed and performed by Johanna Tuukkanen  
 Performed in the EDDC -theatre in Arnhem, Netherlands and Oulu, Finland.
- 1996 **Who's gonna bodyguard the bodyguard?**  
 Choreographed and performed by Johanna Tuukkanen  
 Performed in the EDDC -theatre in Arnhem, Netherlands.

1995 **Pepperseed**  
Group piece, choreographed by Johanna Tuukkanen.  
Performed in the EDDC -theatre in Arnhem,  
Netherlands.

#### **ARTISTIC COLLABORATIONS**

- 2007 **I don't have anything to wear**  
Conceived, choreographed and performed by Jaana Klevering and Johanna Tuukkanen. Performances in Kuopio 15.-17.3.2007, in Joensuu 28.3., in Zodiak, Helsinki, 16.-20.5. and Paikallisliike 07 -festival 16.6.2007.
- 2006 **Physical artistic deeds 4; Cosmetics and green peas**  
Conceived by Johanna Tuukkanen, performed by Emma Puikkonen and Johanna Tuukkanen. Light design: Jari Granlund. Performed in Kuopio 21.-25.3.2006, 8.4.2006 in Turku and Paikallisliike 06 -festival 17.6.2006.
- 2006 **Physical artistic deeds 4**  
Conceived by Johanna Tuukkanen, performed by Emma Puikkonen and Johanna Tuukkanen. Work in progress performance, the market square, Kuopio, Finland 10.12.2005.
- 2005 **Physical artistic deeds 2; Mutation**  
Conceived by Johanna Tuukkanen. Performed by Jukka Ristolainen and Johanna Tuukkanen. Contemporary Art Museum of Kuopio 31.5. - 6.6. and 21.6. as part of Paikallisliike 05 - festival. 48 hours -event, Joensuu 2.9. ja Tanssin Haja-Alue 30.9. ja 1.10.05 Helsinki, Finland.
- 2001 **Metamorphosis Perfervidus - Body Freight**  
Conceived and performed by Doran George (UK) and Johanna Tuukkanen, Video and photography: Gill Addison (UK). Performed in a freight container in Kuopio, Finland in June. Performance and installation in the Contemporary Art Museum of Kuopio in September-October.
- 2000 - 2001 **St. Johanna**  
Collaboration with photographer Pekka Mäkinen, visual artist Taina Kontio and Johanna Tuukkanen. Exhibited in Keski-Suomen Museo, in Jyväskylä, Finland and the VB -photographic centre in Kuopio, Finland.
- 2000 **Metamorphosis Perfervidus, part 1: Lady Lazarus; Homage to Sylvia Plath**  
A collaboration between visual artist Taina Kontio and Johanna Tuukkanen. Performed in the national conference of women's studies in Oulu, Finland, 17.11.2000.
- 2000 **Mahtaja**  
A choreography for a play. Performed in the City Theatre of Kuopio during the spring and autumn 2000.
- 1999 **Therapy -a miniature danceplay-**  
Directed and performed by Johanna Tuukkanen, Miko Kivinen and Marjut Kivinen, Written by Miko

Kivinen. Performed in the City Theatre of Kuopio in the autumn 1999 and spring 2000.

- 1999 **Iida-Iso**  
Choreographed play for children. Directed by Johanna Tuukkanen and Hilikka Pekkanen-Ronimus. Choreographed by Johanna Tuukkanen. Performed in the City Theatre of Kuopio in the autumn 1999 and spring 2000.
- 1997 **Hetero Hell**  
Choreography and dance: Johanna Tuukkanen and Doran George (UK).  
Performed in the OCC -theatre Amsterdam and EDDC -theatre Arnhem, Netherlands.
- 1996 **Glamour Witches**  
Choreography and dance: Johanna Tuukkanen and Doran George (UK). Performed in Amsterdam.
- 1995 **Pakeha**  
An improvised performance by Hannu Huuskonen (FIN), Olive Bieringa (NZ) and Johanna Tuukkanen.  
Performed in the EDDC -theatre Arnhem, Netherlands.
- 1994 **Big Offer To Container**  
Choreography and dance: Niia-Maria Mjetchinsky (DK) and Johanna Tuukkanen.
- 1994 **You See**  
Choreography and dance: Doran George (UK) and Johanna Tuukkanen.  
Performed in the EDDC -theatre Arnhem, Netherlands.

#### **DANCE EMPLOYMENT**

- 2004 **Islavat**  
Assisting Rialto Fabrik Nomade group (France) in their performance in Full Moon Dance Festival, Pyhäjärvi, Finland
- 1998 - 99 **Laiva Toivo, Oulu**  
Directed by Maarit Pyökäri, choreography: Katarina McAlester. The big stage of Oulu City Theatre, Finland in autumn 1998, spring and autumn 1999.
- 1998 **Amfi**  
Choreographed by Petri Kekoni. Commissioned by Full Moon Dance Festival. Premiered in Pyhäjärvi, Finland, July 30th, 1998. Also performed in Oulu, Finland.
- 1998 **Crossroads**  
Choreographed by Melissa Monteros (USA). Premiered April 11th 1998 in Oulu, Finland. Also performed in Gdansk, Poland.
- 1997 **Come Live with Me and You'll Know Me**  
Choreographed by Rachel Kaplan (USA). Performed in the EDDC-theatre (Arnhem, Netherlands), Brighton, Bristol, Salford, Manchester, Chester, Gloucester, Lancashire (UK) and Düsseldorf (Germany).
- 1997 **Kauhu Kabaree** (Horror Cabaret)  
Choreographed by Pirjo Yli-Maunula. Performed in Oulu, Finland.
- 1995 **Passionate Fraud**  
Choreographed by Amélia Bentes (Portugal).  
Performed in the EDDC -theatre Arnhem, Amsterdam,

- Nijmegen (Netherlands), Düsseldorf, Münster, Trier, Köln (Germany).
- 1994 **Swoon**  
Choreographed by Olive Bieringa (New Zealand). Performed in the EDDC -theatre (Arnhem, Netherlands).
- 1994 **Rockbread**  
Choreographed by Kevin Dosch (USA) and Eleonora Allerdings (Germany). Performed in the EDDC -theatre (Arnhem, Netherlands), Cologne (Germany).
- 1994 **Between**  
Choreographed by Lene Boel (Denmark). Performed in the EDDC -theatre (Arnhem, Netherlands).
- 1994 **17 solos/h**  
Choreographed by Mary Fulkerson (USA). Performed in the EDDC -theatre (Arnhem, Netherlands).
- 1989 **Henkilökohtaista**  
Choreographed by Pirjo Yli-Maunula. Performed in Oulu, Finland.

**WORK FOR TELEVISION:**

- 2007 **Kootut askeleet; Johanna Tuukkanen**  
Yle Teema, on 7.11.2007 at 8.40 pm ja on 8.11. at 4.40 pm

**SELECTED FEATURES, MEDIA REVIEWS AND INTERVIEWS**

- 2011 **Nykykoreografin jalanjäljissä**, toim. Hannele Jyrkkä, Like Kustannus
- 2011 **The M Word: Real Mothers in Contemporary Art**, editors Jennie Klein & Myrel Chernick, Demeter Press USA
- 2011 **Itseään muille investoiden**  
30.1.2011 Petri Kauppinen, Kaleva
- 2010 **Elämäntarina kasvaa vaatteista**  
21.8.2010 Leena Pallari, Helsingin Sanomat
- 2007 **Johanna Tuukkanen researches everyday corporeality and new ways of performing**  
Finnish Dance in Focus 2007  
**Johanna Tuukkanen**  
K-magazine 02/2007
- 2006 **Tanssin toisinajattelija**  
31.5.2006 Piia Valkonen, Viikko-Savo
- 2006 **en face; Johanna Tuukkanen**  
2-2006 Maija Hirvanen, Tanssi -lehti
- 2005 **Tuote kipittää taidepolkua**  
11.8.2005 Sirpa Heikkinen, Kaleva
- 2005 **Oululaistanssin Anti-juhlan äiti-hahmo**  
11.8.2005 Sirpa Heikkinen, Kaleva
- 2004 **Tanssitaitelijat markkina-Villen kyydissä**  
26.5.2004 Sirpa Heikkinen, Kaleva  
**Maito linkittää arjen taiteelliseen työhön**  
14.5.2004 Tuija Paakki, Karjalainen  
**Tinkimätön taival jatkuu**  
17.1.2004 Mirja Tossavainen, Savon Sanomat
- 2002 **Apua, siellä on Joku!**  
27.3.2002 Riitta Raatikainen, Viikko-Savo
- 2002 **Aito nainen on kaunis**  
12.5.2002 Ulla Remes, Sunnuntaisuomalainen

2001

**Johanna Tuukkanen - female anger, conflicts and  
frustrations**

5/2001, Jussi Vilkuna, Kaltio