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CURRICULUM VITAE

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Personal information

Name	Jere Markus Laukkanen, Mr.
Date and Place of Birth	November 20 th , 1963 Helsinki, Finland
Profession	Composer, Arranger, Conductor, Senior Lecturer of Jazz and Popular music (music theory, rhythm, ear-training, composition, songwriting, arranging, transcription, orchestras & ensembles), Instrumentalist (electric bass, vocal)

Education

- Master of Music, Sibelius Academy, Helsinki, Finland: Dept. of Jazz Music 2005, majoring in jazz composition
- Vocational Teacher Education Programme degree (60 cp. ECTS, in compliance with the act 356/2003 and decree 357/2003, concerning vocational teacher education): The Helia School of Vocational Teacher Education, Helsinki, Finland, 2005
- Has studied at the Doctoral Study Program of Music and Drama in Finland as a 'status' research student 2007–2011
- Pop & Jazz Conservatory, Helsinki, Finland: Pop/jazz Music Teacher program 1992–96, majoring in composition, arranging and teaching of music theory
- Studied composition with *Henrik Otto Donner*, *Kaj Backlund* and *Jarno Kukkonen* and conducting with *Maria Schneider* and *Petri Juutilainen*
- Other instructors and master courses: *Vince Mendoza*, *Michael Abene*, *Larry Monroe*, *Ray Santisi*, *Michele Weir*, *Joseph Smith*, *Greg Badolato*, *Ken Pullig*, *Jarmo Savolainen*, *Jukkas Uotila*, *Upi Sorvali* and *Jakke Leivo*, a.o.
- Several supplementary study courses since 1997, including Music Management specialization studies (30 cp. ECTS) at Arcada University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki, a Tutoring Instructor program organized by The University of Helsinki, “KYKY” educational developer program organized by The University of Technology, Espoo, Finland and English for Academic Purposes program organized by Communicaid English, London, U.K.
- Pop & Jazz Conservatory, Helsinki, Finland: Pop/jazz Instrumentalist program 1989–92, majoring in electric bass
- Oulunkylä Pop & Jazz Music School, Helsinki, Finland 1987–89

Artistic Activities

- Numerous compositions and arrangements for various ensembles, ranging from duos to big bands, from choirs to large orchestras: commissioned by Finnish Broadcasting Company YLE TV1, TV2 and Radio1, MTV3 Television, Finnish Composers’ and Lyric Writers’ Association ELVIS, the *Vantaa Pops Orchestra*, Finnish Big Band Association, Finnish Music Information Centre FiMIC, *UMO Jazz Orchestra*, International Association of Schools of Jazz (IASJ) and Sibelius Academy, *Lahti Symphony Orchestra*, *Jyväskylä Chamber Orchestra*, *The City of Helsinki Police Orchestra*, *Audite Chamber Choir*, a.o.
- Conductor and Composer for the European Jazz Orchestra, hosted by the European Broadcasting Union EBU and Swinging Europe, for the year 2011
- Guest conductor and/or instructor for *UMO Jazz Orchestra*, *Berklee Jazz Composers’ Big Band* (Boston, U.S.A.), *Radio Romania Big Band*, *Estonian Dream Big Band*, *Big Band Conservatori del Liceu* (Barcelona, Spain), *EMTA Big Band* (Estonia), *Oulu Symphony Orchestra*, *Espoo Big Band*, *Turku Jazz Orchestra*, *Settlemen Big Band*, *Jyväskylä Big Band*, *Metropolia Orchestra*, *Metropolia Big Band*, *Reunion Big Band* and *Rovaniemi Big Band*, a.o.
- As composer, arranger and conductor of the 21-piece *Jere Laukkanen Afro-Cuban Jazz Orchestra* (founded 1996). Concert appearances 1997– (the Helsinki Festival, Imatra Big Band Festival, Kuopio Song and Dance Festival, Arabian Nights Festival, among others). The debut CD *Jere Laukkanen’s Finnish Afro-Cuban Jazz Orchestra* was released worldwide in October 2000 on the international Naxos Jazz label.
- Director and founding member of *Mucho Machito*, the Finnish/Cuban Latin jazz orchestra concentrating on the music of Machito and his Afro-Cubans
- Conductor and arranger with the *Saimaan Sävel* national songwriting competition in Lappeenranta Finland 2003–2005

- Composed two music plays with author *Veijo Baltzar* (“Jumala on suuri” and “Maria, rakkauteni”) and one by author *Jean Anouilh* (“Stycke for liten orkester”)
- Staff conductor for the Big Bands at Helsinki Pop & Jazz Conservatory, Finland and Helsinki Polytechnic Stadia, Finland (1995–2000), conductor of *Boston Promenade Big Band* (1991–92)
- Performed with following artists/groups: *Rebeca Mauleón-Santana* (U.S.A.), *Mario Grillo* (*The Machito Orchestra*, U.S.A.), *Nelson Faria* (Brazil), *Iñaki Sandoval* (Spain), *Badu N’diaye & Afrodjambo* (Senegal/Finland), *Pauliina May* (Finland/Holland), *Julio Romero y su Ritmo Latino* (U.S.A./Finland), *Yoel Terry* (Cuba/Finland), *Tomas Jimeno* (Cuba/Finland), *Ray Campi* (U.S.A.), a.o.
- As a group member in numerous jazz, rock, pop and dance bands 1983-93
- Numerous television appearances as instrumentalist or conductor 1991 onwards
- Several appearances on recordings as musician or vocalist 1981 onwards

Teaching Activities

- Faculty Senior Lecturer at the Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, Finland, Degree Programme in Music since 2013, and Degree Programme in Pop and Jazz Music 2008–2013; Instructor in music theory, African-American rhythm, ear-training, transcription, composing, arranging, songwriting, and orchestras/ensembles
- Senior Lecturer at Helsinki Polytechnic Stadia, Degree Programme in Pop and Jazz Music, Finland 2000–2008
- Visiting Teacher at North Karelia University of Applied Sciences, Degree Programme in Music 2005–2006
- Lecturer and Instructor at various Finnish and international universities, music institutions and training centers since 1994, including the Sibelius Academy, Berklee College of Music (Boston, U.S.A.), IASJ International Association of Schools of Jazz Conference, Conservatori del Liceu (Barcelona, Spain), Estonian Music and Theatre Academy, HKU Utrechts Conservatorium (The Netherlands), Leeds Conservatoire (U.K.), VMI – Vienna Music Institute (Austria), Conservatorio di musica di Pescara “Luisa d’Annunzio” (Italy), Aalto University, Imatra Big Band Summer Course, and the Adulta Institute in Radio and Television aRTO
- In charge of Tutoring at Helsinki Polytechnic Stadia, Degree Programme in Pop and Jazz Music 2001–2005 and Tutor Instructor 2005–2008
- Teacher at the National Pop/jazz Music Summer Camp, Kullaa/Nakkila, Finland 1996–2003 and Vantaa Pop/jazz Music Summer Camp, Finland 1995–2001
- Faculty Member of Helsinki Pop & Jazz Conservatory 1993–2000
- Instructor at the supplementary training courses organized by the Finnish Musicians’ Union in 1994, 1997 and 2000
- Student Guidance Counselor at Helsinki Pop & Jazz Conservatory 1996–98

Administrative Activities, Positions of Trust, Memberships and Similar

- Chair of Music Writing and Production major at the Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, Finland since 2017
- Chairperson (2023–) and member (2019–) of the Pop and Jazz Platform Preparatory Working Group of the Association Européenne des Conservatoires, Académies de Musique et Musikhochschulen (AEC)
- Founder and member of the consortium of the House of Europe International Songwriting Project (Erasmus+) since 2018
- Chairperson of the executive committee of the Music Faculty and Employee Association of Metropolia University of Applied Sciences (Ääni ry) 2020–23, and member of the executive committee since 2019
- Deputy member of Metropolia University of Applied Sciences’s Local Union of the Trade Union of Education in Finland (OAJ) since 2023
- Project manager of Dig.Music (NordPlus), the international project for producing online learning materials in music 2020–2023
- In charge of the curricula of the Degree Programme in Music, Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, Finland 2017–2022
- Head of Music Department at the Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, Finland 2014–2016
- Chairperson of the Jury of the Lauluragin Choir Competition, Estonia 2015 and member of the jury 2022
- Head of Degree Programme in Pop and Jazz Music at the Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, Finland 2008–2013
- Chairperson of the Music Education Working Group of Finnish Music Council 2012–2016
- Deputy member of the Executive Committee of Finnish Music Council 2012–2016
- Member of the Music Education Working Group of Finnish Music Council 2010–2012

- Member of the Advisory Committee of the Degree Programme in Pop and Jazz Music, Helsinki Polytechnic Stadia, Faculty of Culture 2002–2008
- In charge of the curricula of the Degree Programme in Pop and Jazz Music, Helsinki Polytechnic Stadia, Faculty of Culture 1998–2008
- Member of the Finnish Music Creators' Association since 2002
- Member of the Trade Union of Education in Finland (OAJ) since 1993
- Member of the Finnish Music Teachers' Union (SMOL) since 1993
- Member of the Publications Board of the Helsinki Polytechnic Stadia 2002–2004
- Member of the Executive Committee of the Finnish Big Band Association 2003
- Member of the Executive Committee of Pop & Jazz Conservatory Teachers' Union 1997 and 1999–2002
- Member of the team in charge of the curricula of Pop & Jazz Conservatory, Helsinki 1994 and 1997–2000
- Chairman of the Helsinki Pop & Jazz Conservatory Students' Union 1990–91

Publications and Similar

Recordings include:

- *Metropolia Orchestra, Conductor Jere Laukkanen: The Great American Songbook* (2012 METCD-01): CD
- *European Jazz Orchestra 2011 Conducted by Jere Laukkanen: Live in Turku* (2012 Swinging Europe /Cow Bell #63): CD
- *Jere Laukkanen's Finnish Afro-Cuban Jazz Orchestra* (2000 Naxos Jazz 86056-2): CD
- *Boston Promenade Big Band: On the Rocks* (1990 Boston Promenade BPLP3): CD/LP

Compositions:

Numerous published compositions for Big Band or Jazz Orchestra, Jazz Combo, and various ensembles. Also a number of published songs for various artists. A detailed index will be provided upon request.

Arrangements:

More than 150 commissioned arrangements for Big Band or Jazz Orchestra, Large Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Symphonic or Brass Band, and Pop Combos / Dance Bands and Vocal Combos / Choirs of Different size. A detailed index will be provided upon request.

Selected Books, Articles and Study Materials:

- Austerlitz, Paul & Jere Laukkanen. 2016. *Machito and His Afro-Cubans. Selected Transcriptions*. Music of the United States of America vol. 26. Middleton, Wisconsin: A-R Editions.
- Laukkanen, J. 2015. "Synkopointi ja avainrytmit jazzimprovisoinnissa." In *Musiikillinen improvisaatio. Keskustelunavauksia soivan hetken kulttuureihin*, ed. Erkki Huovinen, 203–238. Turku: Utukirjat. (Article: "Syncopation and Key Rhythms in Jazz Improvisation.")
- Laukkanen, J. 2007. *Notaation perusteet*. [WWW document]. <<http://www.jerelaukkanen.com/materials/notaationperusteet/>> (The basics of music notation.)
- Laukkanen, J., Maylett, H. & Takala Gould, P. 2005. *Onnistuva OPS. Opetussuunnitelman jatkuvan kehittämisen prosessimalli*. Helia School of Vocational Teacher Education, publication series C, 11:2005. (About developing curricula in higher education.)
- Plus numerous articles, critiques, columns and similar in publications in the fields of music and education.

Conference Papers and Presentations:

- Laukkanen, J. 2008, May. *The "First Fusionist."* *Afro-Caribbean Rhythms in Selected Works by Louis Moreau Gottschalk*. Paper presented at the Studying Musical Performance Symposium, Helsinki, Finland.
- Laukkanen, J. 2008, March. *Analyzing Rhythmic Outlines from Jazz Melodies: A preliminary method*. Paper presented at the 12th National Symposium on Music Research, Tampere, Finland.

Grants, Awards, Scholarships and Similar

- The Arts Council of Finland Grant for *arranging* 2006 (Public Lending Right Grants and Subsidies for Music)
- The Georg Malmstén Foundation Grant for *composing* 2005 and 1996
- Government grant awarded by the Arts Council of Finland for *Jere Laukkanen Afro-Cuban Jazz Orchestra* 2002
- The Uusimaa County Arts Council grant for *composing* 1999
- Awarded at a *songwriting competition* for Songs of Helsinki 1999, organized by the City of Helsinki etc.
- Helsinki Pop & Jazz Conservatory *scholarship* 1996
- *1st prize* at the "Valge Daam" Song Festival in Haapsalu, Estonia 1989

Language Skills

Finnish, native language: excellent; *English*, fluent; *Swedish*: good; *Spanish*: beginnings.

Computer Skills

- Operating Systems: MacOS, very good; Windows, good
- Professional-level mastery of the following computer software: Microsoft Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, Sibelius, Apple Logic Pro X ao., and common communication applications, Internet browsers, email and utility programs.

Other Activities

- Has practiced music publishing and production business under own firm Eskimo Music T:mi since 2000

References

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