



(Photo: Tommaso De Benetti)

KALLE YLITALO

I'm a composer and musician from Helsinki. My main instruments are electric bass and double bass.

I love working together with artists from various disciplines. I have worked as a composer and musician on video games, theatre and tv-productions, documentaries and dance/circus-performances.

As a composer I'm interested in exploring how to convey the atmosphere of the composition to the listener. As a musician I love exploring new sounds and tonal qualities.

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EXCERPTS FROM WORKS AS A COMPOSER

CHAMBER MUSIC

-solo pieces "Illumination For Accordion" for Harri Kuusijärvi and "Illumination For Kantele" for Senni Eskelinen. (2016)
-microtonal compositions "Aquatic Beings: Longinoja" for clarinetist Lauri Sallinen and bandoneonist Henrik Sandås, and "Aquatic Beings: Mätäjoki" for kantele player Senni Eskelinen. (2017)

MUSIC FOR VIDEO GAMES

-Oceanhorn -soundtrack with Nobuo Uematsu and Kenji Ito. (2013)
-Oceanhorn II: Knights of the Lost Realm -soundtrack. (2019)

MULTIART

-Kalevala Live & Stringpurée Band. Composed and performed new music with Senni Eskelinen, Juulia Niiniranta and Niko Votkin on Reino Niiniranta's classic Kalevala-animations. (2014-2017)
-Kalle Ylitalo & The Mystics with Valopaja. Performed compositions from my solo album "Expansion" with The Mystics -group and the light painting collective Valopaja. (2016)
-Composed music for Fierce, a production combining dance and contemporary circus. (2019)

EXCERPTS FROM WORK AS A MUSICIAN

STRINGPURÉE BAND

A "kantele prog" -group with over 10 years of history and 3 records released by Texicalli Records. My band mates are Senni Eskelinen on kantele and Niko Votkin on drums. We've performed in Huvilateltta at Helsinki Festival, at the 150-year anniversary of the Finnish Parliament, the 200-year anniversary of the ministry of education, Pori Jazz Festival and Kaustinen Folk Music Festival.

SOLO WORK

I have released two solo albums: on "Mörkö" (2014) I was accompanied by guitarist Timo Kämäräinen, saxophonist Linda Fredriksson and percussionists Niko Votkin and Janne Mathlin. The album was mixed by Pentti Dassum. On "Expansion" (2016) I had the pleasure of working with guitarist Jukka Kääriäinen, saxophonist Otto Eskelinen, horn player József Hárs and percussionist Janne Mathlin.

OTHER GROUPS

At the moment I'm also working with Aili Järvelä and Arosa Ensemble, led by Marja Ahlsved.

TV AND THEATRE

I've worked on the house band of TV-show Putous from 2014. My latest theatre work was the apocalyptic Maailmanlopun Revyy in 2018. Katja Lappi was the band leader in both productions.

FREELANCER

I work regularly as a freelance musician with various groups. I'm often substituting Juho Kivivuori in Esko Järvelä Epic Male Band.

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF CULTURE AND ARTS, MUSIC EDUCATOR (POP/JAZZ)
(2010)
Metropolia University of Applied Sciences

VOCATIONAL PROGRAM, POP/JAZZ MUSICIAN (2006)
Pop & Jazz Conservatory