


<p>Mikko Rantanen freelancer director-dramatist</p> <p>Address: Vakka-Suomenkatu 12 A 2 23500 Uusikaupunki, Finland e-mail: mikranen@gmail.com telephone: +35844 336 1314 website: www.dramagun.nettisivu.org</p> <p>Motto: entertainment helps to forget, art to remember. I was born in 1975.</p>	 <p>I am a performing arts freelancer. I have versatile experience in directing and dramaturgy work.</p> <p>My work history includes works of various genres, from monologues to opera productions. In my career, I have planned and implemented several premieres. I use theater tools in my work, music, sound and word art. I try to highlight history, people and productions, which are not usually treated by the means of performing arts.</p> <p>I have worked professionally in theater for 30 years.</p>
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Studies:

- **Voionmaa Folk High School:** Theater expression studies 1992-1993
- **Paasikivi Institute:** Bachelor's degree in communications 1999-2000
- **Turku Open University:** Basic studies of entrepreneurship 2010

My work as an actor:

- **Turku City Theater:** **Peter Pan**, Dir. Leena Havukainen, **Isoheikkilän isäntä ja hänen renkinsä Kalle**, Dir. Olli Tola, **Ankkurilyhty**, Dir. Tiina Brännare
- **Sampalinn Summer Theater:** **Jääkäriin Morsian**, Dir. Aulis Ruostepuro, **Myrskyluodon Maija**, Dir. Jussi Helminen, **Kulkurin Valssi**, Dir. Jarmo Alonen, **Oklahoma**, Dir. Tiina Puumalainen, **Kiss me Kate**, Dir. Tommi Auvinen, **Myrskylintu**, Dir. Jussi Helminen, **Viulunsoittaja katolla (Fiddler on the Roof)**, Dir. Tommi Auvinen
- **Turku Art Academy:** **Footloose**, Dir. Mikko Rasila, **Evita**, Dir. Markku Nenonen
- **Kaarina-Theater:** Active member from 1985. **On lemme voima mahtavin**, Dir. Jarmo Alonen, **Pekka Töpöhäntä**, Dir. Jarmo Alonen, **Vuoroin Vieraissa eli Vieraat Vuorossa (Move Over, Mrs. Markham)**, Dir. Valtteri Roiha, **Suomen Hevonen**, Dir. Jukka Aaltonen

Director/Dramatist/Sound and music works:

Works marked with an asterisk (*) are works based on historical events or autobiographical history.

- **Herääminen:** Musical youth drama, Writ. Dir. Lasse Saaristo, Composer Mikko R., Kaarina-Theater
- * **Keskiaikast meininki Kuusistos:** Musical medieval performance, Kaarina-Theater
- * **Kaarina-Theater jubilee performance:** Dramatized performance of the history of amateur theater, Kaarina-Theater
- **VIP-Model 2003 Contest:** Entertaining music show, Hamburger Börs, City of Turku
- * **Kaksi kiveä:** Historical performance of the war, Writ. Margareetta Moberg, Kaarina-Theater
- **Ilottelua Airistolla:** Comedy music show, Writ. Markku Heikkilä, steamboat Ukkopekka, Kaarina-Theater
- **Cafe Terminal:** Spoon River Anthology, Poetic musical performance about the irony of life and death, Writ. Edgar Lee Masters, Kaarina-Theater
- **Gabriel, tule takaisin:** Heartless comedy, Writ. Mika Waltari, Kaarina-Theater
- * **Tarinallinen verkakierros:** Performance of historical memories, Writ. Eeva Turpeinen, Littoinen fabric factory
- **Viettelysten vaunu (A Streetcar Named Desire):** Classical drama, Writ. Tennessee Williams, Kaarina-Theater
- **Jänisankan vaappuva elämä:** Two miniature operas for the whole family, **Arabian jänis** Composer Seppo Pohjola, **Ruma Ankanpoikanen (The Ugly Duckling)** Composer Sergei Prokofjev, Kaarina-Theater, Turku Conservatory
- **Aloitetaan alusta:** Small comedy of the theater's jubilee event, Writ. Tamminen, Kaarina-Theater
- * **Lemun tappelus:** Historical performance of the war, Writ. Markku Heikkilä, Kaarina-Theater, City of Kaarina
- **Yksinäisen miehen ansa (Piege pour un homme seul):** Thriller comedy, Writ. Robert Thomas, Translator Raoul af Hällström, Kaarina-Theater
- **Heinähattu, Viiltitossu ja suuri pamaus:** Small opera for the whole family, Composer Markus Fagerudd, Libretto Sinikka and Tiina Nopola, Bartituuri-group, City of Turku
- * **Ylös Jerusalemiin:** Musical Easter play, Congregation of Kaarina
- **The Telephone:** Small comedy opera, Composer and Libretto Gian Carlo Menotti, Oopperakammari ry, City of Turku
- **Jacques Brel ja Lyriikan parlamentti:** Dramatized musical performance, Composer and Lyrics Jacques Brel, Kaarina-Theater

- * **Nainen kuin jäätynyt Samppanja**: Monologue about Aino Kallas, Writ. Aino Piirola, tour performance, Finland Proper
- * **Helmi ja Marjatta**: Spicy comedy, Writ. Pirkko Jaakola, tour performance, Finland Proper
- **Viha simpukassa**: Drama and classical chamber music, Writ. Jorma Savikko, Kaarina-Theater
- **Mielelön yritysmaailma**: Sketch show about the phenomena's of the business world, SelinSelin®, City of Turku
- **Ramona kuoron ja Kapiset viihdekuoron juhlakonsertit**: Directed and dramatized musical performances, City of Turku
- **Naistenpäivän konsertti**: Directed and dramatized performance of the music expression course, Ääniräätäli Oy, City of Turku
- **Lumikuningatar (The Snow Queen)**: Fantasy play for the whole family, Writ. Hans Christian Andersen, Kaarina-Theater
- * **Mariana sielunkantaja**: Mystical monologue about Finland's prehistory, Writ. Tuula Walden and Elias Lönnrot, Presbytery of Maaria, City of Turku
- * **Viimeinen ruusu**: Intimate monologue about Fredrika Runeberg based on books Kynäni tarina and Muistiinpanoja Runebergistä, Writ. Fredrika Runeberg, Translator Tyyni Tuulio, Fredrika's cottage, City of Parainen
- **Kun tulet uneeni**: Poem-Kaarina 20 years old, the history of the collection competition in words and music, Composer Martti Lappi, City of Kaarina
- **Paljon melua makkarasta**: Musical children's play, Writ. Kimmo Hirvenmäki, Kaarina-Theater
- **Vita Damen**: Children's chamber opera in Swedish and Finnish, Composer and Libretto Sam Fröjdö, Bartituuri-group
- **Shirley Valentine**: Comedy for one woman, Writ. Willy Russel, Translator Aino Piirola, City of Turku
- **Kotitonttu Kaalepin kummalliset käytöstavat**: Touring musical Christmas play, Kaarina Youth Theatre
- **Yövieras**: Dramatic comedy about love, Writ. Mika Waltari, Kaarina-Theater
- **Pokka pitää (Keeping Up Appearances)**: comedy, Writ. Roy Clarke, Translator Joel Elstelä, Nutturla Warehouse Theatre
- * **Niityltä tuulee**: Poetic performance of a historical woman, Writ. Katri Taanila, Yli-Hakala cottage, Paimio museum hill
- **Hiljaista musiikkia**: Drama about loss and grief, Writ. Lars Noren, Composer Mikko R., Kaarina-Theater
- * **Mieleni minun tekevi**: Karaoke and Kalevala, dramatized concert, Turun KaraokeKlubi ry, City of Turku
- **Verkko toimii**: Roach soup and political cow deals, satire, Writ. Anne Pentti, Kultaranta Resort, City of Naantali
- **Odotusta Pariisissa**: Susanna Haavisto's music and lyrics dramatized, Kaarina-Theater
- **Viettelysten saari (L' isola disabitata)**: All-night reality TV opera, Composer Joseph Haydn, Libretto Pietro Metastasio, Conductor Marko Autio, Oopperakammari ry, Turku AMK, Turku Conservatory, Sigyn-hall, City of Turku
- * **Arkkitehdit**: Chamber theater play about the life of Erik and Carin Bryggman, Writ. Anne Pentti, Island of Kakskerta, Villa Staffans, City of Turku
- **Mitä musiikilla haluan sanoa?:** Music expression course and concert, Turku Regional School of Music
- **Kun on tunteet**: Short story about gender roles, Writ. Maria Jotuni, Composer Kaj Chydenius, Kaarina-Theatre
- **Lukkosulaa ja lumpeenkukkia**: Comedy in dialect adaptation, Writ. Heli Laaksonen, Forssa Theatre
- **Taide (Art)**: Playful parody, Writ. Yasmina Reza, Translators Arto af Hällström and Inkeri Kivirikko, Kaarina-Theatre
- * **Toivon ja tuhon tie**: Revolution in City of Turku 1917-1918, Writ. Harri Raitis, Kotiseutuyhdistys Halinen & Räntämäki ry, Taimi II, City of Turku
- **Tankki täyteen**: Comedy in dialect adaptation, Writ. Neil Hardwick and Juhani Tuominen, dramatist Ari Wirta, Laajoki Summer Theatre
- * **Eino Leino ja Vapauden kirja**: Performance of poetry and music in the spirit of 1918, Writ. Eino Leino, Composer Martti Lappi, Säkeensitojat-group, Luostarinmäki artisan museum, City of Turku
- * **Sibelius, kuolematon**: Musical play about the life of the master, Writ. Anne Pentti, Composer Jean Sibelius, Sibelius-museum, City of Turku
- * **Toivon puu, pysy lujana**: Story of Frida Kahlo, Writ. Aino Piirola, Kaarina-Theatre

- **Liika viisas:** Musical tragicomedy, Writ. Maiju Lassila, Laajoki Summer Theatre
- * **Suurenmoista! (Glorious!):** Musical play about the life of Florence Foster Jenkins, Writ. Peter Quilter, Translator Pentti Järvinen, Maneeri Theatre, City of Turku
- * **Kuutamo näyttää kuun:** Evening of Spanish poetry and music, Writ. Federico Garcia Lorca, Composer Martti Lappi, Gastropub Hiivari, City of Turku
- **Arjen ja valon näkymiä:** Poetic light path, sound installation, Kaarina Poem-Festival, Kaarina-House, City of Kaarina
- * **Myllymäen puiston äänimaisema:** Audio work of Finnish proverbs according to Helmer Winter, City of Uusikaupunki
- * **Suloinen aarre (Sweet Love):** William Shakespeare's sonnets with music, Säkeensitojat-group, Composer Martti Lappi, visiting performance in Kaarina-Theatre
- * **Ende und Beginn:** Historical church opera, Composer and Libretto Olli Kortekangas, Director Minna Tervämäki, Conductor Jukka Nykänen, Uusikaupunki Peace Symposium and Crusell Week, Uusikaupunki New Church
- * **Kaksi naista ja meri:** drama, Writ. Tove Jansson, Translator and Dramatist Pipsa Lonka, Kaarina-Theatre
- **Kuoleva sisar:** Musical drama, musical melodramatic reading from the classical music works of the 19th century romantic period and the short story The Girl in the Rose Garden, Writ. Maria Jotuni, Composers Karl Collan, Robert Kajanus, Ernst Mielck, Filip von Schantz, Betel-church, City of Turku
- * **Mamsellimyllyssä kummittelee:** Graphic audio story for children and those interested in history, Myllymäki park, City of Uusikaupunki
- * **Berlin by Night Cabaret:** Cabaret performance of forbidden songs from Weimar Berlin in the 1920s, Australian-born Meow Meow as artist, Conductor Jukka Iisakkila, multinational Crusell Festival Orchestra, Master of ceremonies Petri Aulin, Crusell week, Culture Center Cruselli, City of Uusikaupunki
- * **Ansan ja Taunon NukkeTeatteriKupletti:** Participatory musical puppet theater for the elderly about Ansa Ikonen and Tauno Palo, audio material YLE Arkisto, tour performance, Puppet Theater Piironginlaatikko
- **Vaimentunut sydän:** Sound installation, exhibition of the Vakka-Suomi art association, Liljelund-hall, City of Uusikaupunki
- **Lukemisen Supervoimaa:** Role and puppet theater for children, Writ. Ilona Willebrandt, Composer Rauno Melos, Puppet Theatre Piironginlaatikko, City Library of Uusikaupunki
- * **Mailis ja Eino:** musical play about the history of Uusikaupunki, written by Ulla-Maija Paalu, screenplay and director Mikko Rantanen, Culture Center Cruselli, Ekman stage, Uusikaupunki
- * **Tapio Rautavaaran NukkeTeatteriKupletti:** inclusive musical puppet theater for the elderly, 2nd part of the series, sound material YLE Archive, tour performance, Puppet Theatre Piironginlaatikko
- **The human voice (La voix humaine):** monologue opera, composed by Francis Poulenc, libretto by Jean Cocteau, translated and directed by Mikko Rantanen, Sibelius Museum, Turku

Other jobs and prizes:

- Dramatization and directing of poetry performances and as a coach for poetry expression courses, TSL
- Sketch entertainment musical performances
- Worked as a member of the boards of Kaarina-Theatre ry and Turku Recitation Club ry
- Worked as a radio reporter and community radio trainer at Radio Robin Hood, Turku Lähiradioyhdistys ry
- *The silver merit badge of the Association of Theater Workers 2008, City of Kaarina medal 2014, Finland 100 Government Chancellery's certificate of honor 2018, The golden merit badge of the Association of Theater Workers 2018*