

VILMA JÄÄ

MUSICIAN & COMPOSER



PROFILE

I am a singer, composer and fiddler specialized in Finno-Ugric folk music. My work extends from the Finnish folk music field to international opera productions, and my professional roles range from performing artist to composer and researcher.

CONTACT

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RÉSUMÉ

ARTIST

Vilma Jää 2021–

"Shifting between acoustic and electronic sounds, archive recording soundscapes melt into synthetic beats as Finno-Ugric tradition flirts with highly produced pop in Jää's new solo material."

- Debut single [Saatanan saalistaja](#) 2021
- Feminist [Kosto \(Revenge\)](#) concert 2021
- Performing at [the Finnish Culture Gala](#) 2021
- On the radio i.e. YleX playlist, [Levylautakunta](#), Radio Helsinki 2021

SOLOIST

[Innocence](#) – Kaija Saariaho's newest opera 2021–

Student 1 (Marketa), a role composed for me, a folk singer

- Festival d'Aix-en-Provence 2021
- Finnish National Opera 2022
- Dutch National Opera TBA
- Royal Opera House Covent Garden TBA
- San Francisco Opera TBA

COMPOSER

[Kosto](#) 2021

Vilma Jää – master's recital concert

[Tontun toive](#), lyrics by Erika Hammarberg 2020

Vocal ensemble (SATBaB)

[Tulen tyttö](#), lyrics trad. 2019

For SibA Folk Big Band

[Lasinsiruja](#) 2019

Mixed Choir (SSAATB)

Piano music 2016–

- [Kuovalo](#), [Ketunleipää ja nokkosia](#), [Sydänmurskaa?](#), [Tangled](#), [Kolmio](#), [Tyhmyri-lisakki](#)

IN ENSEMBLES

Jäine 2019–

Fresh runolaulu vocal ensemble

- **singer, composer, arranger**

EDUCATION

Sibelius Academy of the UniArts Helsinki

FOLK MUSIC

- Master of Music degree 6/2021
- Bachelor of Music degree 6/2018

Karelia University of Applied Sciences

FOLK MUSIC

- Music pedagogy studies 2014–2015

Sibelius-lukio upper secondary school

Matriculation exam & graduating 2014

Other

- Theatre studies at The University of Toronto
- Czech language studies at The University of Helsinki

SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES

Instagram: [vilma.jaa](#)

Facebook: [Vilma Jää Music](#)

Website: [vilmajaa.fi](#)

YouTube: [Vilma Jää](#)



IN ENSEMBLES continues

mammantytöt!

2016–2019

Folk music duo combining glitter and tradition

- **voice, whistling, harmonium, fiddle, piano, composer, arranger**
- Nomination for Newcomer of the Year at Ethno Gala Finland 2019
- On the radio i.e. *Etno-ilta*, *Levylautakunta*, *Sydänjuurilla* 2018–2019
- Production of self-released album *Glitter & trad.* (Jäähile Records) 2017

SibA Folk Big Band

2015–2020

- **voice, fiddle**

Musta lammas

2016–2018

- **1st soprano**
- 1st place in Aarhus Vocal Festival choir competition 2017

RESEARCHER

Finnish herding calls

2020–

Folklore research and sheet music publication about Finnish herding calls

GRANTS

Finnish Cultural Foundation

- €21,000 For artistic work and advancing artist career 2022

Niilo Helander Foundation

- €14,000 For working as a musician, composer and researcher and for developing artist career in the crossroads of folk music and pop music 2021

Arts Promotion Centre Finland

- €4,000 For artistic work 2021

The Finnish Music Foundation

- €1,900 For working 2021

Vuoksen säätiö

- €700 Support grant 2021

Finnish Musicians' Union

- €500 For artistic work 2021
- €1,000 For artistic work 2020

Arts Promotion Centre Finland

- €3,000 For preparation of sheet music publication and artistic work 2020

Finnish Cultural Foundation

- €10,000 For artistic work and working as a folk singer in Canada 2019
- €5,000 For purchasing a five-string fiddle 2018