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at Jazzahead! 2011

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The Finnish Jazz Federation was founded in 1966 as a mutual national organization for both jazz musicians and music enthusiasts. Today it acts as an umbrella organization for its 40+ member societies in Finland and is an expert in the field of Finnish jazz. The Finnish Jazz Federation works for increasing the exposure and opportunities for Finnish jazz both on the national level and internationally. Its main operative functions are organising jazz events for Finnish artists in Finland, co-operating with international jazz organisations in various kinds of productions and finding new ways for Finnish jazz both in Finland and internationally.

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The Finnish Music Information Centre Fimic is the expert of Finnish music. We increase the awareness and availability of Finnish music, and aim to generate new performances both in Finland and abroad. Our objective is to benefit the entire music business and to cover all music genres. We provide information actively, and offer customer and expert services to music professionals around the world. In addition, we organize and initiate diverse promotional activities.

Organizers

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Music Export Finland's primary objective is to help the Finnish music industry increase its export revenue. Owned by all key music organisations representing the Finnish music industry, the association offers a broad range of marketing, sales and promotional services for Finnish music business professionals as well as develops funding and support structures for Finnish music export.

Companies

Annamaija Company

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Annamaija Company is an independent music management and production company. It represents top-notch Finnish jazz and contemporary acts, such as the sextet Karikko and the Osuma Percussion Ensemble. In addition, the company acts as a consultant in the field of music by giving artistic advice and management services.

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Eclipse Music is an independent music production company located in Tampere. Our goal is to produce music and recordings of high artistic quality, innovation and spirit. Our artists are significant talents who take pride in following their own voice in their music. Eclipse Music offers timeless music from upcoming talents. Eclipse Music also produces music for stage and film projects.

Companies

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A dozen uncompromising releases since its establishment in 2000 might not be that many but Fiasko Records is all about quality instead of quantity. One of the main ideas behind this Helsinki-based label is to give its artists full control on their music, recording, cover art – the overall production of the CDs from start to finish. The result is a catalogue of musically and visually unique albums that all have one thing in common – each of them is a Fiasko.

Fredriksson Music / Turku 2011 Flame Jazz Clubs

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Fredriksson Music is a record label and a music production company. The company produces recorded and live music for different purposes and releases innovative top class jazz. Pianist, keyboardist and drummer Jussi Fredriksson represents three of his own bands, Busy Turtles, Fredator and Reactor-5. In addition, he acts as artistic director of Turku 2011 European Capital of Culture project, Flame Jazz Clubs.

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Hub Productions represents new thinking in the contemporary music scene. It brings together creative forces in music, design and arts and seeks new approaches to collaborate, and come up with fresh ideas and concepts to reach the audiences. In 2011, Hub Productions proudly presents the new modern European big band gospel production: collaboration with German composer & arranger Uwe Steinmetz and Opera Big Band of the National Finnish Opera - featuring Mikko-Ville Luolajan-Mikkola on violin and Reija Lang on vocals.

Companies

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Rockadillo Records is the home for some of Finland's foremost jazz and world music artists: Iiro Rantala, Jaska Lukkarinen Trio, Joonas Haavisto, Jarmo Saari, Arttu Takalo, Teija Niku, Pipoka, M.A. Numminen, Wimme, Sanna Kurki-Suonio, Piirpauke and Kimmo Pohjonen. Almost all of the label's artists are booked by its sister company Rockadillo Production Oy, which also books and promotes international artists in Finland. Zen Master Publishing administers publishing and other immaterial rights.

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Sublime Music Agency Ltd, founded in 2005, has specialized in the management, concert production, promotion and touring activities of Finnish top musicians. The unique selection of ensembles and soloists from different genres has placed our focus on innovative and inspiring programmes in the field of world, classical, jazz, folk and even pop music. It enables us to work with a wide variety of festivals and venues both nationally and internationally.

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Tampere Jazz Happening is a festival of new jazz music that has taken place in the autumn of every year since 1982. This event, which concentrates on modern jazz and its related forms, is considered to be the best jazz festival in Finland. This reputation has its origins in the unprejudiced and innovative programme selection of top quality. Year after year, top names of modern jazz from clubs and festivals of New York and Europe are seen on the stages of Tampere Jazz Happening. For example Marc Ribot, Peter Brötzmann, Charles Gayle, Evan Parker, John Zorn and Ornette Coleman have performed in Tampere. The influence of new concert music, rock and ethnic music on modern jazz is well presented in the wide programme selection. The special attraction of this festival lies in the intimate atmosphere of small concerts and club evenings in which music is the main thing.

Companies

TUM Records

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TUM Records produces high-quality music recordings and selectively organizes events, such as the TUMfest in Helsinki. The focus is on improvised, jazz-based music, placing particular emphasis on free expression and the performing artists' own music. TUM provides younger musicians with exposure and a musical platform but also promotes more experienced musicians whose work is not favored by the commercial trends of our time.

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Töpseli Live is a concept that combines DJ's and live artists creating a new type of jazz quartet. Töpseli Live DJ's spin jazzy vinyls while a saxophonist and a trombonist improvise on top, creating a combo of a dancejazz gig and a DJ performance. Club Töpseli, a platform for the setting, has run since 2005 in Helsinki. Now, the nexus of their operation has been summed up as showcase band that can jazz up a party all night long.

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Vapaat äänet ("Free Voices / Sounds") concentrates on tour booking in the Nordic and Baltic area, mostly for French bands. The company also organises tours for Finnish musicians, and selected French and Nordic names. The company's main artists include: Mikko Innanen, Juhani Aaltonen, Kalle Kalima, Veli Kujala, Pepa Päivinen, Stefan Pasborg, Terje Isungset, Lucia Recio, Marc Ducret, Andy Emler, Kimmo Pohjonen & Eric Echampard "Uumen". Vapaat äänet also coordinates the French Nordic Jazz Transit, and is an associated member of the Afijma.

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We Jazz is a Helsinki-based company firmly rooted in the local jazz scene. It specializes in media relations, production work and artist management, mainly working with independent record labels, club venues and festivals. As an agency, We Jazz represents Finnish artists Timo Lassy, Jo Stance and the We Jazz DJ collective.

Live Jazz from Finland

at Jazzahead! 2011 showcase series:

ELIFANTREE

Friday 29 April 2011 2.15 pm
Halle 2

Anni Elif Egecioglu - vocals, cello, glockenspiel

Pauli Lyytinen - saxophone, glockenspiel, harmonium

Tatu Rönkkö - drums, percussives

Elifantree is an expressive acoustic trio with roots in Finland and Sweden. They have had concerts around Europe and above all in Nordic countries since autumn 2007. The band features saxophone, vocals and drums and at some times also instruments like glockenspiel, harmonium and cello. They create music in between pop and improvised music. Peculiar grooves and strong melodies mixed with free improvisations are Elifantree's trademarks. Elifantree represented Finland in Young Nordic Jazz Comets final in Copenhagen 2008. Tatu Rönkkö won the Nomme Jazz Artist competition in 2010. Pauli Lyytinen won the Jukka Perko saxophone competition in 2007 and was nominated as Nokia Young Talent 2004. Elifantree's debut album *Love & Trees* was released in May 2010. Elifantree has got great concert and CD reviews in music magazines like *All About Jazz*, *Lira* and *The Wire* to mention a few. "A fantastic debut that grows within every listening!" - Christopher Thorén, Musikmagasin Lira.



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<http://www.myspace.com/elifantree>



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OUNASKARI-MIKKONEN- JØRGENSEN (KUÁRA)

Markku Ounaskari - drums

Samuli Mikkonen - piano

Per Jørgensen - trumpet, voice

Friday 29 April 2011 4.30 pm
Borgward Saal

A unique musical project, Kuára takes its inspiration from Russian psalms and Fenno-Ugrian folk songs from Udmurtia, Vepsä and Karelia. Drummer Markku Ounaskari (b. 1967) and pianist Samuli Mikkonen (b. 1973) are much in-demand jazz musicians in Finland but their playing has never been limited by any strict definitions of jazz. They launched a duo in 2004 with the concept to concentrate on open-form playing and spontaneous improvising, sculpting the material in real time. In 2008 the Norwegian trumpeter-singer Per Jørgensen (b. 1952) joined the duo. "Kuára is an album about spontaneity and interaction. The source material often



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provides little more than undeveloped motifs but between Mikkonen's evocative harmonic contexts, Ounaskari's textural and only occasionally rhythmic support, and Jorgensen's dual role of thematic foil and emotional catalyst, *Kuára: Psalms and Folk Songs* is an album rife with hidden meanings, revealed only gradually and with each successive encounter." – John Kelman, *All About Jazz*. *Kuára* (ECM) has been released in November 2010 and received the Emma prize (Finland's Grammy) of best jazz album of the year 2010.

Booking (Finland): Vapaat äänet (page 11)

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KARI IKONEN & KARIKKO

Kari Ikonen - piano, rhodes, moog

Laurent Blondiau - trumpet, flugelhorn

Sonny Heinilä - flute, alto flute, tenor saxophone

Vincent Courtois - cello

Ulf Krokfors - double bass

Mika Kallio - drums

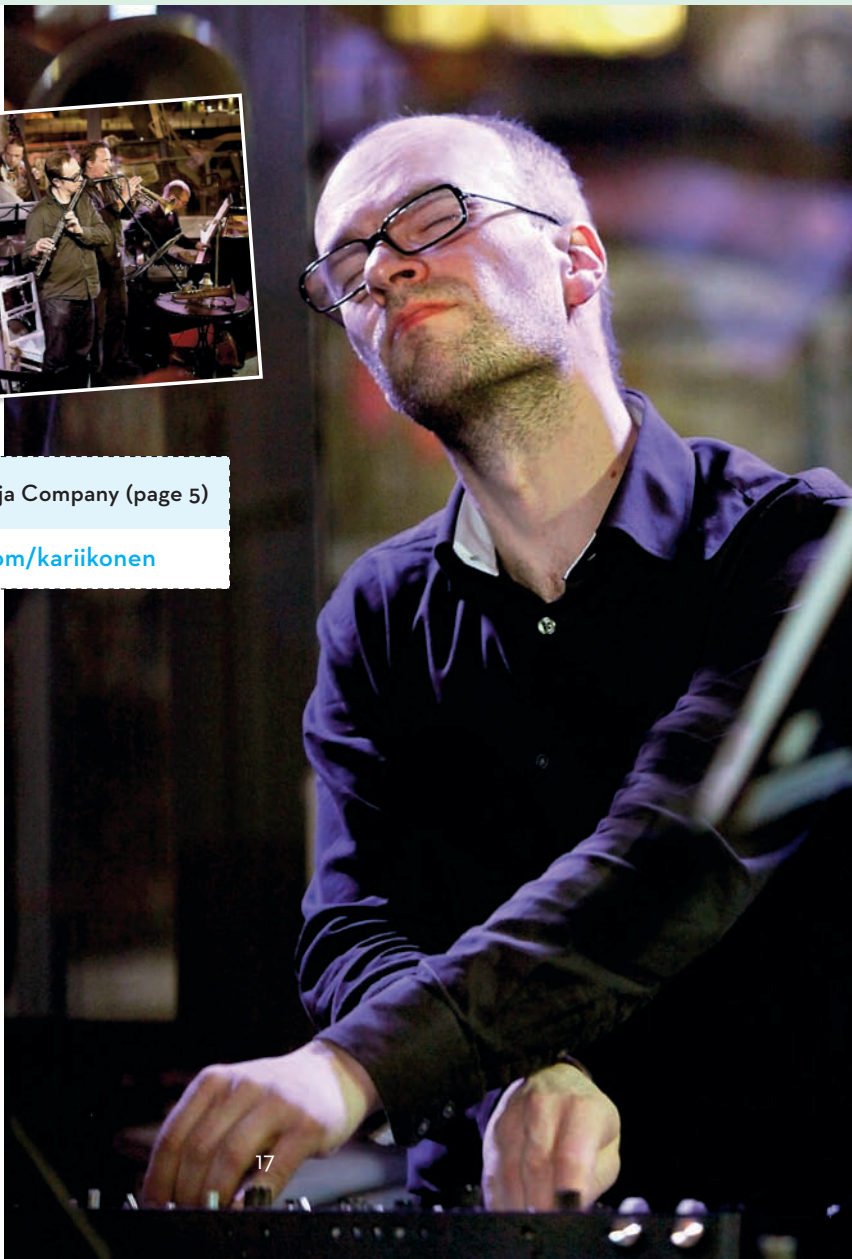
Saturday 30 April 2011 2 pm
Borgward Saal

For more than a decade, the Finnish pianist and composer Kari Ikonen has developed his compositional voice through his ensemble Karikko. Ikonen deploys Karikko's instrumental and improvisational possibilities almost as if he were composing for an orchestra, creating a style that balances elegance and intimacy with boldness and expansiveness. The 37-year-old Ikonen has studied piano performance and composition in Finland, most notably at the Sibelius Academy, as well as abroad at the Rotterdam Conservatory. His debut album, *Karikko* (Fiasko Records), won the Emma (Finland's Grammy) for the year's best jazz album in 2001. In addition to writing for Karikko, Ikonen also regularly composes works for a range of occasions and ensembles. After a decade of line-up changes, Ikonen has now assembled the definitive Karikko ensemble, the French cellist Vincent Courtois, Brussels-based trumpeter Laurent Blondiau, bassist Ulf Krokfors, saxophonist and flutist Sonny Heinilä and drummer Mika Kallio. The third Karikko album with the new line-up has been recorded in December 2010 and will be released in 2011.



Booking: Annamajja Company (page 5)

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KALLE KALIMA K-18

Kalle Kalima - guitar

Mikko Innanen - alto and baritone saxophone

Veli Kujala - accordion

Teppo Hauta-aho - double bass

Saturday 30 April 2011 4.45 pm
Halle 2

At Jazzahead 2011 Kalle Kalima K-18 performs music from the program "David, lynch them high!" (inspired by the films of David Lynch). This new album is to be released in late 2011 on TUM Records. The first CD Some Kubricks of Blood was published in 2009 (article in Downbeat 07/2010). Kalle Kalima has studied both at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki as well as at the Hanns Eisler Hochschule für Musik in Berlin. In his music elements of jazz and rock are mixed in a unique way. He has played with Anthony Braxton, Tony Allen, Jimi Tenor, Michael Wertmüller, Tomasz Stanko, Sirone, Linda Sharrock, Jazzanova, Marc Ducret and others. Kalima is also known as a leader of highly acclaimed ensembles of his own: Klima Kalima (the Winner of the New German Jazz Prize 2008) and his solo performance Pentasonic. He is a member of the famous trio Johnny La Marama (with Chris Dahlgren and Eric Schaefer). K-18 includes saxophonist Mikko Innanen, bassist Teppo Hauta-aho and Veli Kujala on quarter-tone accordion - an instrument he invented.



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Stands of Finland, Norway,
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