



Inkeri Kurkilahti

ARTIST, PERFORMER AND MUSICIAN

A multidisciplinary artist working with butoh, performance art and contemporary folk music, with a focus on Karelian heritage, ritual practices and embodied ecology.

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SELECTED TRAINING & MENTORSHIP

Dance Medium butoh workshop — Seisaku & Yuri, 24h intensive (2025)

Butoh foundations — Tashi Iwaoka, weekly classes 50h+ (2024–)

Mentorship — Aino Lehtovaara, sound design (2022)

Karelian language and culture studies at UEF (2021)

Mentorship — Gabriela Ariana, traditional healing practices & ancestral rituals (2017–2021)

Trance dance practice — Gabriela Ariana, ~50h (2019)

Butoh advanced — Ken Mai, 54h intensive (2018)

Butoh foundations — Ken Mai, 27h intensive (2017)

Butoh laboratory — Osku Leinonen, 50h intensive (2017)

SELECTED PERFORMANCES & ARTISTIC WORK

2025

Venusmusic Choir — vocal performance directed by Mareike Dobewall,
ABOAGORA Symposium

The Rivers Chasing Us — performance by Gaëtan Rusquet,
New Performance Turku Biennale

Biochar Witchcraft / Biohiilinoituus — environmental art & performance,
Koroisten Kyläjuhlat & Parantava puutarha / Alkuvoima

The Onion Eater — ritual performance, SATO Ritual Arts Gathering

The Ancestral Tree — butoh performance, KOKKO Ritual Arts Gathering

2024

Tulevat elävät meissä / The Living to Come Within Us

— participatory performance, Olohuone306 Urban Art Festival

Ahmaliina — performance, Ritual of Ö

2023

Kekri Ritual — participatory performance, Rauhanlinna

2022

Karjalaine läni — short film by Anne Kalliola & working group (as a
composer, singer)

Ikävän maa — theatre production by Vilja Lehtonen & Sara Koiranen
(composer, assistant sound designer, mentored by Aino Lehtovaara)

2019

Tuonenmarja — butoh solo, Turku Night of the Arts

2017

Diurnal Animal / Päiväeläin — butoh performance by Osku Leinonen & MO-
Teatteri, Galleria Rajatila

Keko — butoh performance by Osku Leinonen & MO-Teatteri, Taidetila Pelto

SELECTED MUSIC

As singer, songwriter & composer

Inkeri Syväinkerä — solo singer-songwriter, contemporary folk (2022–)

Karjalaine läni — runo singing for a short film (2022)

Ikävän maa — composer & assistant sound designer (2022)

Käärmikkä — vocals, flute, traditional wind instruments (2019–2021)

SELECTED CONCERTS

Inkeri Syväinkerä — Alkufest (2024)

Käärmikkä — Kaustinen Folk Music Festival (2021)

Käärmikkä — Kekrijuhla, Tehdas108 (2021)

Käärmikkä — Turku Cathedral (2020)

PUBLICATIONS & EXHIBITIONS

Group exhibition — Galleria Alkuvoima (2022)

EP Käärmikkä – Suvet Ulvoot suon perällä (Art Safari Records, 2021)

Songbook: Anarchist Working-Class Folk Songs (Kolera Kustannus, 2016)