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Ruut Kiiski

Conductor



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01 / PROFILE

Biography

Ruut Kiiski has a particular interest in bringing overlooked works by women composers back to the concert stage, including music by Germaine Tailleferre, Elfrida Andrée and Ethel Smyth. Her work has also encompassed contemporary opera and oratorio by women composers. In 2017, Ms. Kiiski conducted the premiere of Pauliina Isomäki's oratorio *Vuorisaarna* (*Sermon on the Mount*) with the Turku Philharmonic Orchestra and led the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra in Riikka Talvitie's radio opera Queen of the Cold Land.

Ms. Kiiski graduated from the Royal College of Music in Stockholm in 2015. Prior to her studies in Stockholm, she completed her Master's studies at the Sibelius Academy, receiving diplomas in choral conducting in 2011 and church music in 2008. She has further developed her conducting through international masterclasses with Valery Gergiev in Turku in 2016 and Herbert Blomstedt in Stockholm in 2015, working on these occasions with the Mariinsky Orchestra and the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra.

02 / BACKGROUND

Education

2015 Master of Music · Orchestral Conducting

Royal College of Music in Stockholm

2011 Master of Music · Choral Conducting

Sibelius Academy

2008 Master of Music · Church Music

Sibelius Academy

03 / AWARDS

Awards

2016 Second place

Audition for Assistant Conductor, Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France · Chief Conductor Mikko Franck

2016 First prize

Complete Schumann & Mozart Conducting Competition, London

2011 Second prize

6th International Competition for Young Choral Conductors, Hungary

04 / PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Opera

2025

Le nozze di Figaro

Mozart

Helsinki Metropolia University

2024

Lord of the Rings

Tuomas Kantelinen · incidental music · world premiere

Tampere Theatre & Tampere Philharmonic Orchestra

2024

L’elisir d’amore

Donizetti

Jyväskylä Opera

2022

Karvalakkiooppera

Tapio Tuomela · world premiere

Lapland Chamber Orchestra

2022

Tosca

Puccini

Savonlinna Opera Festival

Assistant

2021

Kejsarens nya kläder

M. Vacek

Norrlandsoperan

2020

The House of the Sun

Rautavaara

Helsinki Conservatory

2019

Turandot

Puccini

Opera BOX, Helsinki

2019

Kung Karls jakt

Pacius

Helsinki Metropolia University

04 / PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE / CONTINUED

Opera

2017

The Queen of the Cold Land

Riikka Talvitie · world premiere

Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra

2017

Die Kalewainen in Pochjola

Müller-Berghaus · world premiere

Turku Music Festival

2016

Det går an

Daniel Fjellström · world premiere

Läckö Slott Opera

2016

Don Giovanni

Mozart

Jyväskylä Opera

2015

Yksi siemen, yksi suru

Riikka Talvitie · world premiere

Chamber opera of Aino Sibelius, Järvenpää

2014

Il matrimonio segreto

Cimarosa

Helsinki

2014

Don Giovanni

Mozart

Royal Opera of Stockholm

Assistant

05 / APPOINTMENTS

Artistic leadership

2011-2023

Chamber Orchestra Camerata Vihti · Artistic Director and founder

2020-

Tampere Philharmonic Choir · Artistic Director



06 / SELECTED ENGAGEMENTS

Concert

2024

Orchestral engagements

Joensuu City Orchestra · Lapland Chamber Orchestra · Kymi Sinfonietta · Wegelius Kammarstråkar · Ostrobothnian Chamber Orchestra

2023

Orchestral engagements

Joensuu City Orchestra · Kuopio City Orchestra · Jyväskylä Symphony · Tampere Philharmonic Orchestra · Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra

2022

Orchestral engagements

Jyväskylä Symphony · Hyvinkää Orchestra

2021

Jyväskylä Symphony

Guest engagement

2019

Orchestral engagements

Turku Philharmonic Orchestra · Espoo Baroque · Malmö Symphony Orchestra



06 / SELECTED ENGAGEMENTS / CONTINUED

Concert

2018

Göteborg Opera Orchestra

Guest engagement

2017

Orchestral engagements

Orchestre National des Pays de la Loire · Wermland Opera Orchestra · Turku Philharmonic Orchestra

2016

Orchestral engagements

Helsingborg Symphony Orchestra · Orchestra of the University of Stuttgart · three youth symphony orchestras in Sweden