



KANTTILA MANAGEMENT

CONDUCTOR

Ruut *Kiiski*

CURRICULUM VITAE · 2026/27

Kanttila.



PROFILE

Ruut Kiiski

Ruut Kiiski is a versatile conductor with extensive experience working with the voice and a particular devotion to opera. Contemporary music and rarely performed repertoire are central to her artistic identity and to the concert programmes she develops.

She has championed overlooked works by women composers including Germaine Tailleferre, Elfrida Andrée and Ethel Smyth. In 2017, she conducted the premiere of Pauliina Isomäki's oratorio Vuorisaarna with the Turku Philharmonic Orchestra and led the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra in Riikka Talvitie's radio opera The Queen of the Cold Land.

Kiiski graduated in orchestral conducting from the Royal College of Music in Stockholm in 2015, following Master's studies in choral conducting and church music at the Sibelius Academy. She has further developed her practice in international masterclasses with Valery Gergiev and Herbert Blomstedt.

BACKGROUND

Education & 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
2015	Master of Music · Orchestral Conducting	Royal College of Music in Stockholm
2011	Master of Music · Choral Conducting	Sibelius Academy
2011	Second prize	6th International Competition for Young Choral Conductors, Hungary
2008	Master of Music · Church Music	Sibelius Academy

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
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

APPOINTMENTS

Artistic leadership

2011–2023

Chamber Orchestra Camerata Vihti · Artistic Director and founder

2020–

Tampere Philharmonic Choir · Artistic Director

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
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

