

Nelli Kujansivu - Circus Artist

-Foot juggling-

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General information

Born: 5th of December 1993

Nationality: Finnish

Based: Stockholm, Sweden

Languages: Finnish (native), English (excellent), Swedish (excellent), French (basics)

Circus skills: Foot juggling (antipodes), banquine, pair acrobatics, hula hoops

Other skills: figure skating, drums

Height: 155cm

Education

DOCH - UNIVERSITY OF DANCE AND CIRCUS, STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN **2013-2016**

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Circus - 3 year program, specializing in foot juggling.

SORIN SIRKUS - PREPARATORY SCHOOL, TAMPERE, FINLAND **1997-2013**

Several years of multidisciplinary circus training and performing. Sorin Sirkus is the biggest youth circus in Finland qualified as a preparatory school in the FEDEC network.

TYK - TAMPERE ARTS-ORIENTED SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, TAMPERE, FINLAND **2009-2012**

Matriculation examination - upper secondary school targeting performing arts.

UPPER SECONDARY PROGRAMME DIPLOMA IN DANCE, TAMPERE, FINLAND **2012**

Diploma in dance from Tampere Arts-Oriented Senior Secondary School.

Artistic work

Red Hot Condition - Company Afterclap :

2020 ->

- Co-founder of the company
- Concept, creation of the show, performer
- Touring show, premier 7/2020

Kiseldalen - Kompani Giraff :	2019 ->
- Creation of the show, performer	
- Touring show, premiere 11/2019	
Mad in Finland - Galapiat Cirque :	2018 ->
- Performer, member of the collective, re-creation of the show.	
- Touring show, among other places played at: Les Halles - Brussels, Belgium and BIAC festival - Marseille, France.	
- In 2016 performed the show as substitute for three months in Paris and Strasbourg.	
Kulovalkea - Sirkum Polaris :	2016 ->
- Co-funder of the company, creation of the show, performer	
- Funding by Taike (FI), Subtopia (SE), Nordic Culturpoint	
- Creation 2016-2020, pre-premiere 8/2020, premier 2021	

Selected shows

Cirkus Cirkör - Julbordsshow 2019 , Stockholm, Sweden	11-12/2019
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Östgötateatern - "De gifta på Eiffeltornet" , Norrköping, Sweden	10/2018
Sisus Sirkus - "Mosh Split" summer tour, in total 9 festivals in Europe:	6-9/2018
Autostadt Summer Festival - Cirque Nouveau , Wolfsburg, Germany; Carnaval Sztukmistrzow , Lublin, Poland; Cirkusslottet , Finspång, Sweden & Spoffin , Amersfoort, Netherlands among other festivals.	
Krystallpalast Varieté - Schwerelos , Leipzig, Germany	3-6/2017
Closing Acts - DOCH graduation show , Stockholm, Sweden	5/2016
Infraröd - DOCH , Stockholm, Sweden	5/2015
Circa festival , Circle show, Auch, France	10/2014
"Hevosia ja Omenoia" - street show in Särkänniemi , Tampere, Finland	6-8/2013
Christmas shows with Sorin Sirkus , performed roughly 25 times around Christmas and 10 000 visitors annually, Tampere, Finland.	2003-2012

Selected events and festivals

Cirkus Cirkör - Globen 30 years event, Stockholm, Sweden	7/2019
"The Best of The Best" - TV show, WeitMedia, Moscow, Russia	5/2018
IJC festival - International Gala, Gan Hashlosa, Israel	4/2018
`Salto Sociale` - Charity Christmas Gala, Lörrach, Germany	12/2017
Cirkus Cirkör - Marginalen Bank - event, Stockholm, Sweden	9/2017
Turbofest 2017 - Turbo Show, Quebec City, Canada	1/2017
5-3-1 festival of new juggling, Helsinki, Finland	10/2016
IJA festival - Cascade of Stars, El Paso, Texas	7/2016
Circus Ruska Festival - Cabaret Club, Tampere, Finland	8/2015
Young Stage, Basel, Switzerland	5/2013
European Youth Circus festival, Wiesbaden, Germany	10/2010
EU Comission committees evening ceremony, Tampere City hall, Finland	12/2006
Eurovision 2006 - Muistathan Gaala, live tv-show, Tampere, Finland	5/2006

Awards

Tampere region 2026 - Culture Ambassador	2019 ->
Scholarship for young stage artist for Anna Greta Ståhles memory Justification: "The scholarship is assigned to Nelli Kujansivu for her skills in foot juggling. With her strong technique, excellent stage presence, musicality and open artistic curiosity she has developed her circus discipline out of the traditional."	2016
Swish Cup Prize, Young Stage, Basel, Switzerland	2013
Small trophy, Finnish Youth Circus Assosiation festivals, Tampere, Finland	2008
Golden Tent (first place), Finnish Youth Circus Assosiation festivals, Rovaniemi, Finland	2006

Teaching and workshops

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| Guest teacher in foot juggling at Sorin Sirkus, Tampere, Finland | 2013 -> |
| Teacher in foot juggling for the performing group. | |
| Substitute teacher at Cirkus Cirkör | 9/2017-> |
| Teacher in basic circus skills for kids, youngsters and families. | |
| Guest teacher at Valla Folkhögskolan | 3/2018 |
| Full day workshops in contemporary circus for the performing arts students. | |
| Foot juggling workshops in Lahti Circus School and Circus Helsinki | 10/2016 |
| Workshops created for foot jugglers from basics to professionals. | |
| Sirkunst - Drømmefabrikken, Trondheim, Norway | 7/2015 |
| Workshops in foot juggling and acrobatics at the Drømmefabrikken -festival. | |
| Part-time teacher at Sorin Sirkus, Tampere, Finland | 2010-2013 |
| Main teacher in foot juggling and teacher in basic circus skills for youngsters. | |