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Education

MEDIA EDUCATION

- **Communication University of China** | Film & Journalism & New Media 18.2. - 30.06.2014
- **University of Tampere** | CMT – School of Communication, Media and Theatre 1.9.2012 – (2014)
- Master's Degree Programme in Media education | 120 cp

FILM MAKING

→ Together 4 years: 160 CU = 240 credit points

- **Turku Polytechnic** | **Culture** | **Film** | Adult complementary education 5.1.1999 – 28.2.2002
Turku Art Academy – BA Bachelor of Culture and Arts (40 CU = 60 cp)
 - Media Studies
Diploma work: Media education
 - Summer University in Western Finland
 - Communication (8 CU) 1999 – 2000
 - Film and television science (8 CU) 1999 – 2000
 - Satakunta Polytechnic / Adult complementary education (11 CU)
 - Animation Studies 5.2. - 7.7. 2000
- **Satakunta Institute of Art and Crafts** | Film and video arts tutor (100 CU)
 - Technical Arts Course 28.8.1991
 - Art Pedagogy 22.12.1992
 - Diploma work: Video workshops in Finland

PEDAGOGY | TEACHING

→ Together 60 credit points

- The School of Vocational Teacher Education at Tampere University of Applied Sciences (TAOKK)
- Teacher studies 2011 – 2013 | 60 cp

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

→ Together 39 credit points

- Tampere University of Applied Sciences (TAMK)
- Communication studies 2010 – 2011 | 30 cp
- Satakunta Polytechnic / Communication studies 2002 | 6 CU = 9 cp

ART STUDIES

→ Together 120 credit points

- Tampere Polytechnic, School of Art and Media
 - TAMK Polytechnic University of Applied Sciences
 - Photography art; 2011 – 2012 | 30 cp
 - Professional Specialization Studies in Media Art 1.1.2006 – 10.12.2007 | 60 cp
 - Professional Specialization Studies in Photography 1.1. - 10.12.2005 | 30 cp

SOCIAL PEDAGOGY

→ Together 3 years ~ 100 CU = 150 credit points

- **Vocation Qualification in Social and Health Care Institute, Oulu** 30.5.1990
Diploma work: Socialisation of gypsy community in Finnish society

Work history

I'm a film maker, photographer and media educator studied in Turku Art Academy and Tampere University specialised in a children's media culture. I'm also studied to become a teacher and at the moment I'm studying film, new media and journalism in Communication University of China.

I'm working for an media- and art education organisation, **Videootit** (www.videootit.fi) as a director and producer (1991-2002; 2010-2014). We started a new project called Video wagon in 2011. It will offer practical media education to children around Finland teaching how to make films – documentaries, short action films, music videos and animations. I'm also working on my own media art, documentary and music video and also photography art projects (<http://maikkikantola.weebly.com/>) . Most of the subjects are dealing with human beings, different cultures and happiness. I've done also many music videos.

I've been working as a free lance media educator (2010 – 2013) in Finnish national Broadcasting company's (YLE) Media bus -project running workshops for teens, teaching them to make short films from they own perspective to the Internet. Best of the produced films are being shown in the youth program called "My news". I was also making 2 x 20 parts series, "Living pictures", for YLE's children program about moving pictures and environment control (2002 – 2004). These series are still shown in the TV.

From 2002 to 2010 I have working as a media pedagogue at the Pirkanmaa Film Centre in Tampere, Finland. My duties consisted of planning and teaching various training programmes, mainly with children and their teachers. I hold practical workshops designed to guide children into the world of fiction, documentary and animation. I was also the executive and artistic director of children's Videotivoli Festival and Nordic and Baltic KFK, which are organised jointly by the Tampere Film Festival and Pirkanmaa Film Centre.

Years 1991 – 2002 worked for two media organisations: Videootit and Media Metka organizing a youth film festival "My Film" (Minun Elokuvani.) That time I also run several workshops from short fiction, documentary and animation field.

I'm a board member of CIFEJ (<http://www.cifej.com>) , the Unesco-based International Centre of Films for Children and Young People. Last time I held a seat in the Board of Directors of CIFEJ in a years of 2006 – 2009. In Finland I hold similar positions in the boards of the Videootit ry, Satakunta Moving Picture Centre and the Pirkanmaa Film Centre.

GRANTS

- 26 grants from Finnish sponsors 1993 – 2014.

EXHIBITIONS

- Photographs, media art, animation characters and backgrounds

- 23 x exhibitions in 5 Finnish municipalities 2001 – 2014.
- 1 x exhibition in Ireland 2000

RESIDENCES

- 2 x art residences (Ireland 2000) and Spain (2004)

AWARDS

- 3 x awards from Finnish film festivals (2004,2008, 2009)
- 7 x awards from international film festivals | Kenya, Austria, Iran, Australia, Hungary, Greece, Germany (2003 – 2008)
- Prize for Young Cinema" for the work with films & young children (Osaka, Japan 2005)
- Honorary and cultural award for the organisation (1992)

JURY MEMBER

- 11 x jury member in 8 different countries
 - 9 x children film festival, 1 x Environmental Film Festival, 1 x video festival to mentally handicapped persons

MEMBERSHIPS

- International Centre of Films for Children and Young People, CIFEJ 2005 →
 - Member of board (2005 – 2008 & 2010 - 2014)
- "Peili" magazine's advisory committee (Media education magazine) 1993 →
- Also member in three media education organisations in Finland.

REPRESENTATION, INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS and WORKING ABROAD

- Held workshops for children and young people in 14 different countries 2000 - 2013 (Australia, Azerbaijan, China, Denmark, India, Iran, Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Mexico, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates,)
- Lecturing in different seminars (Mali, Iran, Japan, France, Belgium)

OWN FILMS

→ Script writing, directing, shooting, editing

- 7 x documentaries
- 10 x art videos
- 5 x music videos
- 3 x music documentations
- 2 x short films (live action)

- Finnish National TV | YLE | **My News -program** – from October 2010 until the end of 2011
Short films made by young people in the YLE's Media Bus.
Kantola also directed and shot clips "My style" to these weekly programs.

- Finnish National TV | YLE | Children Programs – since 2003
 - 10 part about media education 2002 – 2003

- scripts, host of the TV series, animations with children to the 20-parts "Moving pictures" series.

FESTIVAL & STUDY TRIPS

- 25 x countries

WORKSHOPS

- I have organized more than 1000 workshops and taught a different kind of film and photograph workshops from the year 1992 →
 - from one day workshops to three months courses and once a week / year lessons
 - From young kindergarten kids to pensioners.