

Heli Pauliina Hartikainen

Saxophonist, clarinetist, composer, sound artist (b. 1993)

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EDUCATION

- 2022 **Master of Music (M.Mus), Sibelius Academy, University of the Arts Helsinki**
- 2015 Musician, vocational studies, Kuopio Conservatory
- 2012 Matriculation examination, Kuopion Yhteiskoulun Musiikkilukio (upper secondary school of music)

SELECTED DISCOGRAPHY

- 2026 Interbody (EP, Multiphonic Works)
- 2026 Pneuma (single, Multiphonic Works)
- 2025 Antiphonia (single, Untempo Postcards)
- 2024 CHRONOVARATIONS (album, Multiphonic Works)
- 2024 Heli Hartikainen & Noise Trees – Live at Nomen Nescio Festival (album, Post-Rift)
- 2024 Study on Overtones / Improvisation at Ställbergs gruva (single, Why Keith Dropped the S)
- 2020 Aoide – I (album, Helmi Levyt)
- 2018 Project Vainiolla Ensemble – Suruvesi (album, Vainiolla Sounds)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- 2025 **Kritiikin Kannukset (Critics' Spurs) Award, Finnish Critics' Association**
- 2024 **Emma Award nomination, Jazz of the Year 2024**

MEDIA COVERAGE (SELECTION)

Profiles and interviews: Helsingin Sanomat (2025), Rondo (2025), 15 Questions (2024, 2026), The Ransom Note (2024)

Album reviews and features: Loud and Quiet (2026), The Guardian (2024), Kulttuuritoimitus (2024, 5/5), Finnish Music Quarterly (2024), The Most Radicalist (2024)

Live reviews: Jazzwise, We Jazz Festival (2024); Turun Sanomat (2024)

Radio and podcasts: NTS Radio (airplay, several times 2024–2026), Radio Helsinki (several interviews, 2022–2026), Levonille lasken luojani podcast (2026)

RESIDENCIES AND INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

- 2027 VICC Visby International Centre for Composers residency, Gotland (upcoming)
- 2027 Art Zoyd Studios residency, Valenciennes, France (upcoming)
- 2024 Ung Nordisk Musik residency, Örebro, representing Finland
- 2024 Composer in the Young Composers Exchange project, Nordic Music Days, Glasgow

COMMISSIONS

2026	Flux for saxophone and live electronics, commissioned by Oulu2026 European Capital of Culture. Premiere: Oulu Cathedral, 18 September 2026.
2026	Valuma for solo violin and live electronics, commissioned by violinist Linda Suolahti. Premiere: Klassiske Dage festival, Denmark. Finnish premiere: Villa Gyllenberg, Helsinki, October 2026.
2024–2025	Heidi Piironen: In Case of Loss / sitten haluaisin laulaa, Rauma Art Museum
2024	Light Cones 2 for saxophone and string quartet, Ung Nordisk Musik
2024	KIDE for violin, viola and electronics, with Aileen Sweeney, Nordic Music Days
2021	Dance Theatre Auraco: Tuhkasisko, video work
2020	Dance Theatre Auraco: Miksi Mix, composition and sound design

GRANTS

2027	Finnish Arts and Culture Agency, one-year artistic working grant	€27,550
2026	Finnish Arts and Culture Agency, composition work	€4,500
2026	Samuel Huber Art Foundation, production costs of the Interbody EP	€3,500
2025	Kone Foundation, one-year artistic working grant	€32,400
2025	Madetoja Foundation, composing a solo work for violinist Linda Suolahti	€2,500
2024	Music Finland, export support	€1,000
2024	Finnish Music Foundation (MES), 1-month artistic working grant	€1,900
2024	Finnish Cultural Foundation, 6-month artistic working grant	€15,000
2023	Otto A. Malm Foundation, CHRONOVARIATIONS concert tour	€3,000
2022	Arts Promotion Centre Finland (Taike), 6-month artistic working grant	€12,000
2022	Finnish Music Foundation (MES), 1-month artistic working grant	€1,900
2021	Arts Promotion Centre Finland (Taike), 3-month artistic working grant	€6,000

SELECTED PERFORMANCES (SOLO AND OWN PRODUCTIONS)

2026	Glivelab Helsinki; Sellosali; Finnish Jazz Showcase; Tallinn Music Week Showcase; Digital in Berlin Kiezsalon
2025	Into The Open, Strasbourg; Glivelab Tampere; JazzAnti; Avanti-klubi; Hiljaisuus Festival
2024	Inkonst, Malmö; Ung Nordisk Musik, Örebro; We Jazz Festival; Sibeliusmuseum
2023	Kesän nuoret taiteilijat (Young Artists of the Summer) series, Sibelius Academy
2022	Flow Festival

OTHER

2026–	Agency: We Jazz Agency
2026–	Voting member, Teosto (Finnish Composers' Copyright Society)
2026	Column "On my music and beyond", Finnish Music Quarterly
2024–	Founder, Multiphonic Works record label
2015–	Private and group teaching, saxophone and clarinet