

JALVVI NIILLAS – NIILLAS HOLMBERG

Jalvvi Niillas Holmberg is an award-winning author, scriptwriter and musician from Ohcejohka, Sápmi.

His literary works include prose, poetry, drama and screenplays. In the field of music he works mainly as a vocalist and lyricist. Besides working solo he has performed with philharmonic orchestras and several genre-defying bands. He is well versed in the Sámi yoik tradition.

For more than a decade, Niillas has been involved in several movements against extractivism in the traditional Sámi areas. The thematics of his works often encompass land-based knowledge and anti-colonial aspects.



BIBLIOGRAPHY

Halla Helle (Gummerus, 2021)
Jalkapohja (Gummerus, 2019)
Juolgevuodđu (DAT, 2018)
Roadđi (Sivuválo, 2016)
Oaidnaleapmai Čáhcesiellu (Dat, 2016)
The Way Back (FrancisBoutle, 2016)
Jos itseni pelastan itseltäni (Palladium kirjat 2015)
Amas amas amasmuvvat (Dat, 2013)
Dego livččen oaidnán iežan (Dat, 2009)

DISCOGRAPHY

Guorga (Dat, 2021)
YLVA (Bone Voyage, 2016)
Live in Riddu Riđđu (Finito Bacalao, 2014)
Assimilašuvdna blues (Tuupa Records, 2014)
Manin guottán girjji fárus (Tuupa Records, 2011)
Ima hutkosat (DAT, 2011)

AWARDS & HONORS

Honorary Doctor of Arts, Lapin yliopisto 2024
Humanismin käsi Film Award 2024
Jussi Film Award nomination, best screenplay 2024
Sylvi Screenplay Award 2024
Eino Leino Literature Prize 2023
Lappi Literature Prize, public vote winner 2023
Runeberg Literature Prize nomintaion 2022
Art Prize of the Lapland Regional Fund 2021
Kirsi Kunnas Poetry Award 2020
Nordic Council Literature Prize nomination 2020 & 2015

State Award for Public Information 2017
Sámi of the Year 2016
Lapland Art Prize 2015
Rajaseutuliitto's Honorary Award 2015
Premio Giovani Literature Prize 2015
Pohjolan Osuuspankki's Helmi Prize 2015
Saami Council's Literature Prize 2014
Kalevala Society's Young Artist's Prize 2011
Young Artist of the Year, Riddu Riđđu 2010
Sámi Grand Prix, 1st place, 2005

2024

- Honorary Doctor of Arts, University of Lapland
- Bird of the Midnight Sun, a piece by Aslihan Sarikoski. Vocalist. Commissioned by Hetta Music Days.
- Humanismin Kási Film Award for the best script. Je'vida, co-written with Katja Gauriloff.
- Jussi Film Award nomination for the best screenplay, Je'vida, co-written with Katja Gauriloff.
- Sylvi Screenplay Award 2024, Je'vida, co-written with Katja Gauriloff
- Juovssaheaddji -music play premiére and tour. Writer, performer. Production by Norwegian Arctic Philharmonic Orchestra.
- Juovssaheaddji -music play appears on NRK Hovedscenen TV-programme. NRK.
- *Siiddaid Sápmi*, anthology. Writer of essays, poetry, editor. Main editors R. Kuokkanen & A. Pieski. DAT.
- Poems "Amm' arvá" and "Sataahan" appear on *Haitulan taikahattu* -publication. WSOY.
- Excerpt from Goetnelle -novel appears on *Searvedoaibma: Art and Social Communities in Sápmi (Dieđut 1/2024)*. Sámi allaskuvla.
- *Máilmmittkkus*, short film. Narrator, poet. Directed by Hans Pieski and Arttu Nieminen. R2 Productions.
- *Duiddo*, short film. Vocalist. Rein Film as.
- *La Femme Grenouille*, French translation of the novel Halla Helle. Editions du Seuil.

2023

- *Je'vida*, a feature-film. Co-writer with Katja Gauriloff. Directed by Katja Gauriloff. Oktober Oy.
- *Muohtačalmmit*, a short film. Narrator. Directed by Hans Pieski and Arttu Nieminen. R2 Productions.
- Eino Leino Literature Award
- Lapland Literature Price, winner of public vote: Halla Helle.
- "Saamelaiset elävät oikeusvaltioiden irvikuvassa" -essay. Voima.
- *Storgårds conducts Sibelius*, the international debut of *Luovus* symphony in the National Arts Center, Ottawa. Yoik soloist. NAC orchester conducted by John Storgårds.
- #38 *Ivalo - tekstejä saamenmaalta*, an afterword to poetry translations of Christian Dotremont. Poesia.
- Čuovga, an official soaré of Littfest Umeå. Writer, performer.

2022

- "Jäljettömyyden jälki" -essay on the anthology *Ohi*. Editors Carmen Baltzar and Aurora Lemma, publisher WSOY.
- *Tagasitee*, a poetry book in Estonian. Translation by Mathura. Allikaäärne.
- *Entiset elävät meissä* -nonfiction book by Veli-Pekka Lehtola. Audio book reader. Gaudeamus.
- *Luovus*, symphony for yoik and chamber orchestra. Composer Roope Mäenpää, yoik and poetry by Niillas Holmberg, conductor John Storgårds. Commissioned for the Lapland Chamber Orchestra.
- Speaker on the book *Ndè Sii Wet'azà: Northern Indigenous Voices on Land, Life & Art*, editors Kyla LeSage, Thumlee Drybones-Foliot & Leanne Betasamosake Simpson

2021

- *Halla Helle* -novel. Publisher Gummerus.
- *Guorga* cd-album. Vocalist, writer. Dat.
- Art Prize of the Lapland Regional Fund
- ”Lupa olla olemassa, se on se lääke” -essay on *Psykologi* -magazine.
- Poems on cultural magazine *Provins* nr 1/2021
- Poems on an Estonian literary magazine *Akadeemia*, no 10. Translations by Mathura.
- Poems on literary magazine *Mellom*, translations by Endre Ruset.

2020

- *Modjegobit* by Guorga is a Song of the Year nominee. SVT Sápmi.
- *Niehkume* -single by Guorga. Vocalist, writer. Dat.
- Kirsi Kunnas Poetry Award
- Nordic Literature Prize nomination, *Juolgevuodđu*.
- *Modjegobit* music video and single. Music by Guorga, film by Katja Gauriloff. Single by Dat.
- *Såle*, Norwegian translation of *Juolgevuodđu* -poetry collection. Translation: Endre Ruset. Dat.
- *Kumollisuus* (Mäenpää). Yoik soloist on Lapland Chamber Orchestra’s concert ”Celestial Incantations”, Conducted by John Storgårds

2019

- *Jalkapohja* -poetry collection. Gummerus Publisher
- Guest editor of Nuori Voima cultural magazine 4/19.
- *Gutnagierdu*, a play, playwright. Giron Sámi Theatre.
- Poems on *A Greater Miracle of Perception* -publication. Miracle Workers collective.
- Poems on *Europoe* -anthology. European Poetry Festival. Editor: Steven Fowler.
- Poems on *Worte verschwinden fliegen zum blauen Licht*, an anthology of Sami literature. Samica.
- Moratorium Office in collaboration with Outi Pieski and Jenni Laiti, exhibitions at Venice Art Biennial, Mänttä Art Festival, Oulu Art Museum.
- Rájáacummá exhibition at the Sami Center for Contemporary Arts. With Outi Pieski and Jenni Laiti
- Moratorium Office featured on *Kritiker* magazine n. 52.

2018

- *Juolgevuodđu* -poetry collection. DAT os.
- *Jalatald*, Estonian translation of *Juolgevuodđu*. Allikaäärne.
- Moratorium Office with Outi Pieski and Jenni Laiti, exhibitions at Emma Art Museum and Artsi Art Museum.
- Rájáacummá -art piece with Outi Pieski and Jenni Laiti.
- Poems in Swedish in 10TAL - Kulturvrede -magazine.
- A poem in Sámi in the zine of Suohpanterror

2017

- *Der dem Wind auf dem Schoß sitzt* -poetry collection in German. Hochroth.
- Poems in German in a poetry anthology: *Am Herzen Europas 10*. Hochroth.
- Poems in Swedish in *Provins* magazine.
- *Co2onial Nation* -play. Co-writer. Giron Sámi Teáhter.
- The State Award for Public Information
- Arctic Odyssey -theatre documentary. Co-writer, performer. National Theatre of Finland.
- Establishing of Ellos Deatnu movement.
- *Utsjoen koskella kykkii koskikara* -poem appears on *Ikäisekseen hyvin säilynyt - Satavuotiaan Suomen runoja* -poem anthology. Writer. Kirjapaja.
- Sápmi Verddet -musical production in Fest-Spillene i Nord-Norge -music festival.

2016

- The Sámi of the Year
- YLVA cd-album. Vocalist. Bone Voyage Recordings.
- *Oaidnaleapmai, Čáhcesielu* -poetry collection. Dat os.
- *The Way Back* -poetry collection. Tanslations by Niillas Holmberg, Lisa Jokivirta and Clive Boutle. Francis Boutle Publishers.
- ”Rummun Kalvo” -poem appears on Ex Symposium magazine. Translation into Hungarian: Johanna Domokos
- Sano se saameksi -web documentary on Saami languages. Translator. YLE.

2015

- *Tourist Season* -performance at Márkomeannu-festival.
- *Jos itseni pelastan itseltäni* -poetry collection. Palladium Kirjat.
- Helmi Culture Prize by Pohjolan Osuuspankki.
- Nordic Council’s Literature Prize nominee.
- Premio Giovani Literature Prize.

2014

- Saami Council’s Literature Prize, *Amas amas amasmuvvat*.
- *Assimilašuvdna blues* -music video, Niillas Holmberg & Roope Mäenpää. Directed by Eetu Niininen. Tuupa Records Oy.
- *Gurut guvlui Heahtás* -play, supporting role. Beaivváš Sámi Teáhter.
- *Live in Riddu Riđđu* cd-album by Nordic Namgar. Vocalist. Finito Bacalao.
- *Assimilašuvdna blues* cd-album, Niillas Holmberg & Roope Mäenpää. Tuupa Records Oy.

2013

- *Rummun kalvo* -poem appears on Parnasso Literary Magazine.
- *Amas amas amasmuvvat* poetry collection. Dat.
- *Giđđajoga baldu* music video, Niillas Holmberg & Roope Mäenpää. Directed by Kevin Francett. Tuupa Records Oy.
- *Rimbauds eneste fot* -poem appears in *Gruppe 13* -anthology. Edit: Karin Nygård. Korlan Forlag.
- Lader of the Sámi Grand Prix song contest jury.
- Member of the Sápmi Talent competition jury.
- *Unna Junná* children's TV-show. Host. Yle.

2012

- Staalon Kaato concert tour. Collaborations with 22-pistepirkko, Black Motor, Teho Majamäki, Andrew Ashimba and Staalon Torvet. Produced by Pentti Luomakangas.
- Music for *Peltsin Lappi* TV-show. Produced by Yle. Davvi Girji Os.
- *Pelle njoammil – Juovllas sáttomiellis* audio book. Directed by Maret Alette Utsi.
- Guest performer on a panel with the Nobel Laureate Herta Müller and Liao Yiwu in Berlin.
- *Unna Junná* children's TV-show. Host. YLE.

2011

- A member on Riddu Riddu festival delegation in Taimyr Arctic Festival in Dudinka.
- Kalevala Society's Young Artists Prize.
- *Manin guottán girji fárus* cd-album, Niillas Holmberg & Roope Mäenpää. Tuupa Records.
- Host of *Unna Junná* children's TV-show. YLE.
- *Ima Hutkosat* children's cd-album, vocalist. DAT os.

2010

- Member of the Sápmi Talent competition jury.
- Dubbing roles on *Beno ja Nigá* -animation. Directed by Sara-Margrethe Oskal. NRK Sápmi.
- 1st place in a Poetry Slam competition at M.A. Castrén Society's Literature Conference.
- The young artist of the year in Riddu Riddu festival.
- *Allaq* -theater play. Supporting actor. Beavvváš Sámi National Theater.

2003-09

- *Dego livččen oaidnán iežan* -poetry collection. Edit: Inger-Mari Aikio Arianaick. Dat.
- *Lopun Alku* TV-miniseries. Supporting actor. Directed by Heikki Kujanpää. Making Movies Oy.
- *Unna Junná* -children's TV-show. Performer. YLE.
- *Pelle Njoammil* audio play. Main actor. Davvi Girji os.
- Sámi Grand Prix song competition, 1st place. PopPoo, "Giella ii leat jáddan". Vocalist.
- *Májjá ja Sujujujjá* -TV-show. Supporting actor. NRK.
- *Juovlaskálla* -TV-show. Main actor. NRK.