

Ella Kiviniemi

PHOTOGRAPHY & FILM

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Ella Kiviniemi (b. 1991 she/they) is a photographer, film editor and camera assistant. Kiviniemi is about to graduate from the Master's Programme in Photography at Aalto University with a Minor in Film Editing. In still photography, Kiviniemi works both as a photojournalist and a visual artist, working for the press and developing her own documentary autobiographical projects on the side, about topics like mental health and climate change. Kiviniemi has participated in the visual development and photography of a non-fiction climate change book *Hyvän sään aikana* (Calm Before the Storm), published by Into in 2017, that was nationally awarded. Kiviniemi won the Finnish Press Photo of the Year in 2017 and Reportage of the year in 2021. Besides photography, Kiviniemi works as a documentary filmmaker, film editor and assistant camera (1., 2. and 3.) in film and music video productions.

Experience

Photographer

Helsinki, Finland

Jun 2023 - Sep 2023

Helsingin Sanomat

1. Assistant Camera

Jan 2023 - Mar 2023

Aamu Film Company

First Assistant Camera / focus puller in Hannaleena Hauru's feature film *Parvet*, produced by Aamu Film Company.

Photographer

Jun 2021 - Sep 2021

Helsingin Sanomat

Video assistant

Sep 2021 - Oct 2021

Matila Röhr Productions

Video assistant, internship at drama series All the Sins (Kaikki Synnit), season 3.

2nd Assistant Camera, Film Editor, Still

Uusimaa, Finland

Photographer

Nov 2020 - Jan 2021

Manian lapset and Äidin viha (BA shorts)

I worked as a 2nd assistant camera and I am working as an editor in Anton Baer's upcoming short fiction film Manian lapset. I was also a still photographer in BA short film Äidin viha directed by Tuuli Sirkeinen. Both are graduating students' BA films from Aalto University.

Assistant Camera, B-camera operator

Uusimaa, Finland

Karina – 2000 and Eloa Collective (music video)

Oct 2020 - Oct 2020

Assistant Camera in Karina's music video production. Video directed by Joonas Möttö coming up in 2021. B-camera operator and still photographer in Eloa collectives upcoming music short film coming up in January 2021.

Cinematographer, Editor, B-cam, Colorist

Uusimaa, Finland

Game Music Collective

Sep 2019 - May 2020

I've made multiple music videos with Finnish game music initiative Game Music Collective for their Youtube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuDY3TdyceBcSCB3c3pp8nA>. I directed, filmed and edited music videos, did VFX and color grade, and worked as a B-camera operator and editor in their larger music video productions and live gig recordings.

Photographer

Helsinki, Finland
Jul 2020 - Sep 2020

Helsingin Sanomat

Photographer at the Finnish national newspaper Helsingin Sanomat.

Photographer, Photo Editor

Helsinki, Finland
Jun 2019 - Sep 2019

Helsingin Sanomat

Photographer and photo editor at the Finnish national newspaper Helsingin Sanomat.

Photographer, Photo Editor,

Helsinki, Finland
Jun 2018 - Aug 2018

Helsingin Sanomat

Photographer and photo editor at the Finnish national newspaper Helsingin Sanomat.

Photographer

Kokkola, Finland
Jun 2017 - Aug 2017

Keskipohjanmaa

Photographer at Keskipohjanmaa newspaper.

Photographer

Kokkola, Finland
Jun 2016 - Aug 2016

Keskipohjanmaa

Photographer at Keskipohjanmaa newspaper.

Photographer

Tampere, Finland
Jul 2015 - Aug 2015

Aamulehti

Photographer at Aamulehti newspaper.

Photographer

Tampere, Finland
Jun 2014 - Aug 2014

Aamulehti

Photographer at Aamulehti newspaper.

Photographer

Tampere, Finland
May 2013 - Aug 2013

Aamulehti

Photographer at Aamulehti newspaper.

Education

Master of Arts

Helsinki, Finland
Aug 2017 - Present

Aalto University

Master's programme student in Photography, minor in Film Editing and Documentary Filmmaking.

Photojournalism I & II

Aarhus, Denmark
Jan 2015 - Present

Danish School of Media and Journalism

International photojournalism studies (60 ETC in total) in one of the leading photojournalism schools in Europe.

Bachelor of Social Sciences

Tampere, Finland
Sep 2011 - Jun 2017

University of Tampere

Student in the Photojournalism programme, minor in French.

Nominations & Awards

Reportage 2023

Photo series about tropical warm nights in Helsinki was awarded as the reportage of the year 2021.

Press Photo of the Year 2017

Photograph of the frozen winter ptarmigan, also on the cover of the science book *Hyvän sään aikana*, was awarded the Press Photo of the Year.

Finlandia Prize in Science Literature (nomination)

The book *Hyvän sään aikana* (Calm Before the Storm) was nominated for Finlandia prize in Science Literature in 2017. Kiviniemi is one of the two photographers and photo editors of the book. The book builds an overview of how climate change changes Finland.

Kanava prize in Science Literature

The book *Hyvän sään aikana* (Calm Before the Storm) won the Kanava prize in Science Literature in 2017. Kiviniemi is one of the two photographers and photo editors of the book. The book builds an overview of how climate change changes Finland.

College Photographer of the Year, Small Team Multimedia, Silver

The web documentary *Evidence*, realized by Ella Kiviniemi (FI) and Romina Vinci (IT) won silver in Small Team Multimedia Category in the annual College Photographer of the Year - competition.
