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Liisa Saaremäel (1992) is an Estonian performance artist. She earned her BA in Acting and MA in Contemporary Physical Performance Making from the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre, giving her a unique background with profound knowledge of classical psychological theatre and contemporary performing arts. In 2023, in addition to „SCREAM BOX“ and „Theorem,“ she was co-directing the performative exhibition „Home Stage“ for the Estonian Pavilion at the Venice Architecture Biennale. She has been nominated 6 times to the Annual Awards of Estonian Theatre and, in 2022, won the prize for the best performance art piece with her site-specific performance “Tiny Home Production presents: LARGER-THAN-LIFE.”

WORK:

2020-... Freelance performance artist

2016-2020 Member of the ensemble in Estonian Drama Theatre

EDUCATION:

2023-2024 Micro degree program “Human Rights in the Modern World” Tallinn University

2019-2021 Master of Arts in Contemporary Physical Performance Making CPPM (Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre)

2012-2016 Bachelor of Performing Arts (Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre)

SELECTION OF WORKS:

2024

Performance “**OFFROAD: Knislinge**” (MARC) - as a director

Performance “**More is More**” (AFUK, Hangarpeople, CPH Stage Festival) - as a director

2023

Performance “**Home Stage**” (Estonian Pavilion in Venice Architecture Biennale) - as a director

Performance “**SCREAM BOX**” (Kanuti Guild Hall) - as a director

Performance “**Standstill**” (Independent Dance Stage) directed by Keithy Kuuspu - as a performer

Performance “**Theorema**” (Estonian Drama Theatre) directed by Juhan Ulfsak - as a performer

2022

Video installation “**Private Party**” (Artishok Biennial) - as an artist

Site-specific performance “**Destination Unknown 12hmr**” (Baltoscandal) - as a director

Performance “**Matters of the Heart**” (ULM) directed by Värk/Tafitšuk - as a dramaturg

Performance “**72 days**” (EMTA) directed by Semper/Ojasoo/Veronesi - as a performer

Installation Performance “**Body Slam**” (ARS Art Factory) - as an artist-maker

2021

Public intervention **"Il Pavimento"** in Melpignano town square - as an artist

Performance **"Fundamentalist"** (Von Krahl Theatre) directed by Marta Jakovski - as a performer

Site-specific performance **"Tiny Home production presents: LARGER-THAN-LIFE"** - as a director

Performance **"False Falling"** (Independent Dance Stage) directed by Keithy Kuuspu - as a performer

Performance **"Bee Matter"** (Kanuti Guil Hall) directed by Iveta Pole- as a performer

2020

Interactive technological performance **"K O O S"** (ULM) directed by Värk/Tafitšuk - as a performer

Performance **"Where do we go from here?"** (EMTA) directed by Kirk/Gonella - as a performer

Solo performance **"Tiny Home Production presents"** (Von Krahl Theatre) - as a maker

FILMOGRAPHY:

"Stiina" Elisabeth Kužovnik (2025) - Stiina

"Dark Paradise" Triin Ruumet (2023) - Anja

"Kalev" Ove Musting (2022) - Mari

RESIDENCIES:

2024 **EFFEA** Discovery (Estonia, Latvia, Finland)

2024 **Milvus Art Research Center** (MARC) "With care" program (Sweden)

2023 **Zodiak Laboratory** (Finland, Helsinki)

2021 Giacomo Veronesi workshop/project „Seagull by Anton Chekhov“ (Italy, Puglia)

AWARDS:

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| 2024 | Estonian Annual Theatre Awards Ants Lauter prize WINNER for professional development |
| 2024 | Estonian Annual Theatre Awards NOMINEE in performing arts category ("SCREAM BOX") |
| 2024 | Estonian Annual Theatre Awards NOMINEE in best supporting actress category ("Theorem") |
| 2023 | "Ela ja sära" Estonian Culture Endowment Scholarship |
| 2022 | Estonian Annual Theatre Awards WINNER in performing arts category ("Tiny Home Production presents: LARGER-THAN-LIFE") |
| 2022 | Estonian Annual Theatre Awards NOMINEE in best leading actress category ("Fundamentalist") |
| 2019 | Estonian Annual Theatre Awards NOMINEE in best leading actress category ("Do Fish Sleep?") |
| 2019 | Estonian Annual Theatre Awards NOMINEE in Salme Reek prize category for children's theatre ("Do Fish Sleep?", "Curse of the Dragon") |

- 2024 Estonian Annual Theatre Awards Ants Lauter prize **WINNER** for professional development
- 2017 Estonian Annual Theatre Awards **WINNER** Kristallkingake prize
- 2015 Voldemar Panso prize **WINNER** Estonian Music and Theatre Academy