

Loikka on Tour @ TransFolk Kucku Festival “Checkpoint #5: Movement” event

In partnership with the organisers of the event, Loikka presents a collection of dance films, for kids and teenager, that show acceptance of diversity and freedom of expression.

S O L V E* (FI, 13'00, 2016)

S O L V E* is a short film about friendship, overcoming fear and daily challenges. It was made with young dancers from Vantaa Dance Institute in Finland 2016 as part of dance film education. S O L V E* is 2nd part of Kati Kallio's short dance film series of *Searching the state of flow*.

Director & co-screenwriter: Kati Kallio

Co-choreographers, co-screenwriters & dancers: Nea Ilveskero, Ella Maijala, Eero Teittinen, Saga Kiiskinen, Veronika Hailu

Composer: Jarmo Saari



EASE ON DOWN (UK, 3'10, 2017)

A pair of rhythmic travellers' journey towards a new and unfamiliar town, only to be stopped in their tracks by something that insists they change their path.

Director: Cristobal Catalan

Choreographer: Omari 'Motion' Carter



Hannah (UK, 5'00, 2010)

Hannah explores the playful ambition of Hannah Dempsey, a young dancer and athlete with a disability.

The film is a celebration of motion, energy and elegance of human movement, evoking the power of adrenaline in the young Hannah. It makes the connection between art and sport with emphasis on the athlete-dancer relationship.



It is also an exploration of ways to challenge and subvert representations of physical and mental disability.

Hannah's personal achievements reveal that disability is no barrier to creativity. Her life challenges society's preconceptions and prejudices.

In making this film, I was able to explore Hannah's aspirations and present them as a symbol of the hope that the London Olympics in 2012 represents for all of us.

Director: Sérgio Cruz

Choreographer: Hannah Dempsey, Sergio Cruz

this is why I dance (Rwanda/Congo, 1'00, 2018)

I am born I grow I become

I am Love I am Peace I am Harmony

You are too!

Let's enjoy ourselves! Let's enjoy our life and
DANCE!



Goma and Gisenyi are two cities near Kivu Lake. In between there is only a border, between Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda. The stories of the people living here interact through each other, holding history events and actual situations with which most of the people try very hard to cope with. Dance is one of the most powerful ways life keeps on going on, because through dance we always find "la joie de vivre", the inner beauty, so the strength to be better and live in harmony.

Director of photography: Erraenah Faraja Ellie

Choreography: Faraja - Ellie - Grace - Chrino - Erraenah

Music: Cryptex Footsteps by Rendy Hristev. Thank you!!!

Cast: Members of Vjana Up and Rinha Dance Crew Goma Congo, Aimable, Anita and various artists from Gisenyi

Sink Or Swim (NL, 09'29, 2014)

In an otherwise deserted swimming pool, a group of boys play a game with its own rules and hierarchy. The boys continually goad one another into going another step further. Newcomers Yinka and Glenn first need to prove themselves. How far will they go to gain a position? Will they lose sight of themselves and their friendship? In Zwemmen of Verzuipen they dance like their life depends on it.



Director: Michiel Vaanhold

Choreographer: Jaakko Toivonen

Plaster (CA, 3'00, 2013)

The Boogéré video is a serenade, in the classical sense of the term.

Lucas is not a prince or a disillusioned lover, he is a knight. He is anonymous, romantic and exceptional. The film is anchored in a classic and romantic iconography of "Romeo and Juliet" and musicals such as "Singing in the rain" or "West Side Story", while being treated in a contemporary, radical and very refined way.



Director: Thibaut Duverneix

Choreographer: David Albert-Toth

Loikka Dance Film Festival

Loikka is Finland's only film festival specialised in dance film and the biggest such event in the Nordic countries. The festival is for everyone whether you are a professional or a newcomer. For its open call Loikka welcomes dance and movement based films of any genre, length, style or technique. Festival is internationally regarded as high standard and acts as a meeting point for artists and enthusiasts from around the world. Loikka also provides lectures, talks, workshops and seminars for dance film artists and is a partner in the Nordic collaboration 60secondsdance online competition for one-minute dance films.

Loikka's mission is to raise knowledge and visibility of dance film and enhance the working and production opportunities of dance filmmakers in Finland. With its wide touring and outreach programs Loikka has managed to significantly increase the number of dance film screenings and spectators. In 2015 Loikka together with Finnish Film Foundation SES, The Promotion Centre of Audiovisual Culture AVEK and National broadcaster YLE launched a new dance film commission -program **Loikka-project** where one dance film production (per year) receives 50 000€ funding.

Festival was founded in 2008 and is held yearly in Helsinki, Finland.