

Curriculum Vitae: Oskari Sipola

born 10. March 1984, Helsinki, Finland

Education

Santahamina elementary, Alppila junior high school

Ressu upper secondary school 2000-2003
Matriculation Examination, spring 2003
Diplomas in Theatre and Arts

Aalto University, School of Art and Design 2006-2012
ELO Film School

Majoring in Directing for Film and Television
Graduated Bachelor of Arts, spring 2010
Graduated Master of Arts, spring 2012



Filmography

The More Loving One (2025), Helsinki-filmi (feature, 101 min)

Helsinki International Film Festival Love & Anarchy 2025 (Finnish Film Affair opening film), Mar del Plata International Film Festival 2025

The Darkness Moment (2016), Welhofilmi (short, 25 min)

Helsinki International Film Festival Love & Anarchy 2016, Tampere International Film Festival 2017 (in competition), Kettupäivät Helsinki Short Film Festival 2017 (in competition)

Urban Family (2015), Pohjola-filmi (feature, 105 min)

Sodankylä Midnight Sun Film Festival 2015 (special program), Blue Sea Film Festival 2015, Helsinki International Film Festival Love & Anarchy 2015 (special program) PÖFF Tallinn International Film Festival 2015 (special program), Ny Finsk Film 2016, NOVA Fest Artist Circle 2016, Soho International Film Festival 2016 (in competition), European Union Film Festival India 2016, Paralel Vision Festival Belgrad, Chicago International Film Festival 2016 (special program), Juniorfest 2016

Male Behavior (2011), Bronson Club / KOMIA Helsinki (short, 7 min)

Tampere International Film Festival 2012 (special program), Leiden International Short Film Experience 2012 (in competition), Helsinki International Film Festival Love & Anarchy 2012 Helsinki Short Film Festival 2012 (in competition)

August (2011), Bronson Club (feature, 110 min)

Midnight Sun Film Festival 2011, Blue Sea Film Festival 2011, Nordic Talents 2011 Copenhagen, Helsinki International Film Festival Love & Anarchy 2011, Finnish Film Days Stockholm, 41st Molodist International Film Festival Kyiv, 53rd Nordic Film Days Lübeck (youth series): *won Special Mention*, Oulu International Children and Youth Film Festival 2011, Tallinn Black Nights International Film Festival (Just Film): *won Just Film Grand Prix*, St. Petersburg XXII Finnish Film Week, 34th Starz Denver Film Festival, Arctic Fury Festival Rovaniemi 2011, 28th Saarijärvi Film Week, Moscow Finnish Film Week 2012, Northzone Festival Berlin 2012, Kristiansand International Children's Film Festival 2012, Vologda Independent European Cinema Festival 2012

Yours the Rest of My Life (2010), Independent Production (short, 16 min)

Our Little Brother (2009), Bronson Club/Solar Films (short, 27 min)

Tampere International Film Festival 2010 (domestic competition), Fest-O-Rama Kinoklubi Cannes Film Festival (Short Film Corner) 2010

Wings and Teeth (2009), ELO Film School Helsinki (short, 30 min)

Tel Aviv International Student Film Festival 2010 (in competition), 8th Balchik International Short Film Festival (in competition), Fresh Film Festival Prague (special program), Helsinki International Film Festival Love & Anarchy 2010 (special program), Písek International Student Film Festival 2010 *won Grand Prix*, Eesti XII Filmipäevad (student program), Sleepwalkers Short Film Festival 2010 (special program)

Enemies Within (2009), First Floor Productions (short, 30min)
 Nordisk Panorama 2009 - New Nordic Voices (in competition), Uppsala International Film Festival (special program), Kettupäivät 2009 (in competition) Giffoni Film Festival 2010

In Between (2008), ELO Film School Helsinki (short, 10min)
 Beginning -student film festival 2008: *won Best Cinematography*, Kettupäivät 2008 (student competition), Blue Sea Film Festival 2008 (in competition), MediaSchool 2008 Poland Film Festival, CineFest Hungary 2009, Lens Politica Political Film Festival 2009, New Finnish Films in Stockholm 2009, Rokumentti Rockfilmfestival 2009, Oulu International Children's and Youth Film Festival 2009, Helsinki International Film Festival Love & Anarchy 2008 (special program)

Extreme Men (2007), ELO Film School Helsinki (short, 2min)

Precious (2007), Independent Production (short, 9min)

Tomorrow (2007), Welhofilmi (short, 24min)

Separate (2005), Welhofilmi (short, 21min)
 Short Film Finnish Championships: *won Gold Medal in Youth Series, diploma for the best film in competition*, FiSH06 Festival (special program), *First Prize in Camera-magazine competition*

Miia (2004), Welhofilmi (short, 29min)

Her Name Would Be Kaisa (2003), Welhofilmi (short, 14min)
 Clone Digital Film Festival 2003 (in competition)

Boy From the Past (2002), Welhofilmi (short, 47min)
 Minun Elokuvani -festival 2003: *won Honorary Diploma*

Saltwater (2002), Welhofilmi (short, 20min)
 StarVision *audience favorite*, Helsinki Festival Short Film Series, Minun Elokuvani -festival

Let Me Be (2001), Welhofilmi (short, 34min)

Kaarlo's Angels (2001), Welhofilmi (short, 5min)

Surfacing Angel (2001), Welhofilmi (short, 5min)

Misery Loves Company (2000), Welhofilmi (short, 5min)

Television works

Welcome to Texas (2023-2024) Warner Brothers Television Finland / MTV
 Head director (season 4)
 4 x 40min, Crime series

Bull by the Horns (2021), Welhofilmi / Elisa Viihde
 Creator, head writer, producer
 8 x 25min, Youth drama series
 Shortlisted for *Golden Venla* for best drama series and best actress, 2021

HasBeen (2018-2019) Welhofilmi / Yle
 Creator, head director, head writer, producer
 21 x 10-28min, Youth drama series
 Shortlisted for *Golden Venla* (Finnish TV award) for best drama series, 2018

A New Day (2017) 3x30min, Yle Draama
 Episode director
 3 x 30min, Daily drama series

Märät säpikkäät ("Wet Shoes") (2012-2013) ITV Studios Finland / Yle
 Head director
 18 x 25min, Comedy/skit series
 Nominated for *Golden Venla* for best comedy series, 2012

Ratkaiseva isku ("The Deciding Strike") (2010) Solar Television / MTV
 Episode director
 4 x 45min, Crime docufiction series

Commercials, music videos and other directing credits

Minja Koskela municipal and parliamentary election campaign videos (2021+2023) 2x1min
 Commercials

Juha Itkonen: Minun Amerikkani campaign videos (2017) 1min+4min, Welhofilmi
 Commercials

- Berner: Finland 100 years* (2017) 2x30sec, New Dawn
Commercials
- ABB: Joka paikan sähköistäjä* (2016) 2min, New Dawn
Brand video
- Juha Itkonen: Palatkaa perhoset campaign videos* (2016) 12x40sec
Commercials
- Johannes Brotherus & Pihla Maalismaa – Sammutetaan bensalla tulta* (2015) 4min
Music video
- Maria Ylipää, Riku Nieminen, Johannes Brotherus & Pihla Maalismaa - Ollaan vapaita* (2015) 4min
Music video
- Elias Kaskinen ja Päivän sankarit – Kesä yhdessä* (2015) 4min, Welhofilmi
Music video
- Erkki Perälä parliamentary campaign videos* (2015) 4min+3x15sec
Commercials
- Pimeys – Nuoruuden kaupunki* (2015) 4min, Welhofilmi
Music video
- Elias Kaskinen ja Päivän sankarit – Aina minä jään* (2014) 4min, Welhofilmi
Music video
- Olavi Uusivirta ja Pauliina Kokkonen - Tuhat vuotta sitten* (2013) 4min, Welhofilmi
Music video
- Helsingin Sanomat: Tulevaisuusseinä* (2013), KOMIA Helsinki
Interactive video installation
- Jemina & Selina Sillanpää ja Tim Ries - Pedot* (2012) 4min, Welhofilmi
Music video
- Timo Pieni Huijaus - Pleiboi* (2012) 4min, KOMIA Helsinki
Music video
- Scandinavian Music Group - Kaunis Marjaana* (2011) 4min, Welhofilmi
Music video
- Tiimari: Vappu / Pääsiäinen* (2011) 3x30sec, KOMIA Helsinki
Commercials
- Timo Pieni Huijaus - Jos te vaan seisotte vieres* (2011) 3min, KOMIA Helsinki
Music/campaign video, won: VOITTO Audience Award for best online campaign
- Olavi Uusivirta ja Anna Järvinen - Nuori ja kaunis* (2011) 4min, KOMIA Helsinki
Music video
- Vapautuspassio ("Liberation Passion")* (2010) 110min, ELO Film School Helsinki
Live stage multicamera recording
- Poets of the Fall - Dreaming Wide Awake* (2010) 5min, Spotless Films
Music video
- Imehnoke* (2009) 74min ELO Helsinki Film School
Live stage multicamera recording
- Phoenix Effect - King See No Evil* (2009) 4min, Welhofilmi
Music video
- Phoenix Effect - Broken Promises* (2008) 4min, Welhofilmi
Music video
- Sunrise Avenue Live On the Rocks* (2004) 70min, Welhofilmi
Live performance multicamera recording
- Chorale - Lähdit luotani* (2003) 4min, Welhofilmi
Music video

Other film & TV credits

- Höyhensarja ("The Featherweights")* (2025), Script consultant
TV-series, directed by Maria Mononen, produced by Warner Brothers Television Finland
- Pientä laittoa ("Fixer-upper")* (2019), Actor ("Amateur poet")
TV-series, directed by Lauri Nurkse, produced by Zodiak Finland
- The Unknown Soldier* (2017), Casting consultant, Actor ("Military Priest")
Feature film, directed by Aku Louhimies, produced by Elokuvaosakeyhtiö Suomi 2017

- Love and Fury* (2016), Still photography
Feature film, directed by Alli Haapasalo, produced by Solar Films
- Off-Key* (2015), Actor ("Karaoke contestant")
Feature film, directed by Lauri Nurkse, produced by Fremantle Media
- Second Chance* (2014), Actor ("Teppo")
TV-series, directed by Lauri Nurkse, produced by Finnish Broadcasting Company
- No Thank You* (2014), Still photography
Feature film, directed by Samuli Valkama, produced by Kinotar
- Robin* (2012), Editing & Writing
Feature documentary, directed by Inari Niemi, produced by Solar Films
- Psykopoesis* (2012), Still photography
Short film, directed by Jarno Elonen, produced by ELO Film School Helsinki
- Love and Other Troubles* (2012), Still photography, Actor ("Game Show Host")
Feature film, directed by Samuli Valkama, produced by Bronson Club
- Naked Harbour* (2012), Actor ("Auditioner")
Feature film, directed by Aku Louhimies, produced by First Floor Productions
- Nevermind* (2011), Cinematography
Episodic film, directed by Sini Pesonen, produced by Theater Nirvana
- Loop of Love* (2011), Actor ("Kimmo")
Short film, directed by Ilkka Vanne, produced by ELO Film School Helsinki
- The Hustlers* (2010), Actor ("The Nerd"), trailer editing
Feature film, directed by Lauri Nurkse, produced by Bronson Club
- About Marriage* (2009), Editing & Color grading
Short documentary/fiction, directed by Mike & Elina Pohjola, produced by Pohjola-Filmi
- Forbidden Fruit - making of* (2009), Interviews, Editing
Documentary, produced by Helsinki Filmi
- CX* (2009), First Assistant Director
Short film, directed by Wille Hyvönen, produced by ELO Film School Helsinki
- Late Fragments* (2009), Data Manager
Short film, directed by Aku Louhimies, produced by Coop Ultravioletti
- Tears of April* (2008), Assistant to Director
Feature film, directed by Aku Louhimies, produced by Helsinki Filmi

Positions of trust

- Association of Finnish Film Directors SELO
Member of Executive Board 2008-2016, 2022-2025
Vice President 2014-2016
President 2020-2022
- Avate Audiovisual Authors and Performers in Finland
Member of Executive Board, 2021-
Vice President 2024-2025
President 2026-
- Finnish Film Foundation Advisory Board
Member 2022-

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