

# CURRICULUM VITAE – ERLE KONT

**“Erle has everything!”**

Paavo Järvi

*„Kont drew an intensely moving slow movement  
and conjured up a sparklingly vital finale“*

Hufvudstadsbladet newspaper

*„Kont got the orchestra to play with burning passion  
and charming warmth. A great promise!“*

Aamulehti newspaper

*“Conductor Kont brought out a rich palette of orchestral colors  
from the Pori Sinfonietta“*

Satakunnan Kansa newspaper



## EDUCATION

2021 – 2024

**Sibelius Academy**, symphony orchestra conducting Master's degree, **Sakari Oramo**

2020 – 2021

Sibelius Academy, wind orchestra conducting Master's degree, **Petri Komulainen**

2014 – 2020

Sibelius Academy, clarinet Bachelor's and Master's degrees, **Kari Kriikku** and **Harri Mäki**

## UPCOMING CONDUCTING ENGAGEMENTS

2025

Tapiola Sinfonietta (**re-invitation**) – Pärt, Adams, Cage  
Joensuu City Orchestra (**re-invitation**) – Young Soloists  
Kirkkonummi Chamber Orchestra (debut)

## CONDUCTED PROFESSIONAL ORCHESTRAS

2024

Tampere Philharmonic Orchestra – Sibelius  
Turku Philharmonic Orchestra - Sibelius, Copland, Gorecki  
Lahti Symphony Orchestra – Blake  
Jyväskylä Sinfonia – Blake  
Seinäjoki City Orchestra – Mahler, **Kont**, Debussy  
Lappeenranta City Orchestra - Klami, Haydn, Rantala, Beriot  
Orquesta Sinfonica del Principado de Asturias -  
Rimsky-Korsakov, Mozart  
Allegra Festival Orchestra – Dvorak, Mozart, Brahms

2023

**Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra** – Mielck  
**Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra** – Mendelssohn, Brahms  
Lahti Symphony Orchestra – Britten, Rimsky-Korsakov  
Joensuu City Orchestra – Mahler, Mussorgsky  
Jyväskylä Sinfonia – Mahler, Mussorgsky  
Ploiesti Philharmonic Orchestra – Mendelssohn, Bartok  
Helsinki Cellofest Orchestra – Vivaldi, Tchaikovsky, Lanzetti

2022	BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra – Elgar, Bartok Tapiola Sinfonietta – Poulenc Jyväskylä Sinfonia – Mozart Joensuu City Orchestra – Beethoven Oulu Sinfonia – Johann Strauss I Pori Sinfonietta – Prokofiev, Beethoven
2021	Tapiola Sinfonietta - Beethoven Vaasa City Orchestra – Schumann Joensuu City Orchestra – Prokofiev

## CONDUCTING MASTERCLASSES

**Esa-Pekka Salonen, Paavo Järvi, Jorma Panula,** Eva Ollikainen, Dalia Stasevska, Neeme Järvi, Jukka-Pekka Saraste, Johannes Schlaefli, Nicolas Pasquet, Antony Hermus, Bjarte Engeset, Nicholas Collon, Leo McFall, James Gaffigan and others.

## FOUNDER AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR TARTU SOUND

Kont is the **founder and artistic director** of the **contemporary music organisation** Tartu Sound (2017), which unites composers, musicians and audience members from Tartu region, Estonia. Tartu Sound helps young composers start their professional careers by organising concerts of their music. The organisation works with musicians of the highest caliber from Estonia and internationally such as **Ensemble Itineraire** (2021), Finnish based Far(away) Ensemble consisting of musicians, dancers and a choreographer (2019) and the Icelandic composer and double bassist Bara Gisladottir (2018).

## CLARINET

### AWARDS

2015	1st prize in Bohuslav Martinu competition in ISA festival 1st prize in Viktor Kalabis competition as a duo in ISA festival
2013 - 2014	2nd prize in international Eduard Medinš competition among woodwinds 2nd prize in Estonian Music Highschools competition among clarinetists
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2009	1st prize in Estonian young clarinetists competition