

CURRICULUM VITAE – ERLE KONT

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

„Kont drew an intensely moving slow movement and conjured up a sparkingly vital finale“
Hufvudstadsbladet

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

“She has everything!“
Paavo Järvi



UPCOMING CONDUCTING ENGAGEMENTS

2025	Tapiola Sinfonietta (re-invitation) – Pärt, Adams, Cage, Byrd
2024	Lahti Symphony Orchestra (re-invitation) – Blake Jyväskylä Sinfonia (re-invitation) – Blake Seinäjoki City Orchestra (debut, Artist In Focus) – Mahler, Kont, Debussy, Shostakovich

CONDUCTED PROFESSIONAL ORCHESTRAS

2024	Tampere Philharmonic Orchestra - Sibelius Turku Philharmonic Orchestra - Sibelius, Copland, Gorecki Lappeenranta City Orchestra - Klami, Haydn, Rantala, Beriot Allegra Festival Orchestra – Dvorak, Mozart, Brahms
2023	Lahti Symphony Orchestra – Britten, Rimsky-Korsakov etc Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra - Mielck Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra – Mendelssohn, Brahms Joensuu City Orchestra – Mahler, Mussorgsky Jyväskylä Sinfonia – Mahler, Mussorgsky Ploiesti Philharmonic Orchestra – Mendelssohn, Bartok etc 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

EDUCATION

2021 – 2024	Sibelius Academy, symphony orchestra conducting master degree, Sakari Oramo
2020 – 2021	Sibelius Academy, wind orchestra conducting master degree, Petri Komulainen
2014 – 2020	Sibelius Academy, bachelor and master of clarinet degrees, Kari Kriikku and Harri Mäki

CONDUCTING MASTERCLASSES

Esa-Pekka Salonen, Paavo Järvi, Neeme Järvi, Jukka-Pekka Saraste, Eva Ollikainen, Jorma Panula, Johannes Schlaefli, Nicolas Pasquet, Dalia Stasevska, Antony Hermus, Bjarte Engeset, Nicholas Collon, Leo McFall 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 and makes contemporary music accessible in Tartu around the year. The organisation works with musicians of the highest caliber from Estonia and internationally such as

2021	Ensemble Itineraire
2019	Far(away) Ensemble – a Finnish based group with production One Act On Identity. It is a largely improvised concept show involving musicians and dancers, a choreographer and a composer
2018	Bara Gísladóttir – an Icelandic composer/double bassist

CLARINET

AWARDS

2018	Special prize for the best interpretation of Tõnis Kaumann's new piece and overall diploma from the national clarinet competition of Estonia
2017	2nd prize in Sibelius Academy clarinet soloists competition
2015	Finalist in international clarinet competition in Italy Chieri Finalist in international clarinet competition „Czech clarinet art“ in Czech Teplice 1st prize in Viktor Kalabis competition as a duo in ISA festival 1st prize in Bohuslav Martinu competition in ISA festival

2014	2nd prize in international Eduard Medinš competition among woodwinds 2 nd prize in Estonian Music Highschools competition among clarinetists
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