

## **sumutus: finnish video poetry**

on 9 may, the vienna poetry school hosts an evening of lecture, videos and performances of finnish video poetry.

**video poetry**, the fusion of poetry and experimental film, is a young and quickly growing art form. at the sumutus-evening a selection of video poems will be shown. finnish poet mari laaksonen and austrian poet & performer oravin host this evening and introduce, after a short overview of the art of video poetry, the individual artists and their work. the evening will flow into an audio-visual performance about the work of the finnish poet harry salmenniemi.

**sumutus** is a new platform for finnish and international audio-visual poetry. the event at the vienna poetry school takes place as part of a small video poetry tour through austria and germany in april and may 2014. in november 2014, sumutus organises a festival of audio-visual poetry in jyväskylä in central finland:

<http://sumutus.tumblr.com>

with **mari laaksonen (fin)** and **max oravin (aut/fin)**

lecture & videos & performance

**friday, 9 may 2014, 19:00 at sfd, 1070 wien free admission**

*event held in german and english*

### **the artists:**

**j.k. ihalainen** (\*1957) is a poet and publisher, and frequently works together with musicians and artist. during the past thirty years he has published numerous books. his video poem *kone* was shown in 2010 at zebra poetry film festival in berlin.

**tytti heikkinen** (\*1969) is a poet, media artist and graphic designer. she has published three volumes of poetry. her first book, *täytetyn eläimen lämpö*, was translated into english (*the warmth of the taxidermal animal*, action books 2013).

**joona ruusuvuori** (\*1981) is a musician and poet. his first book *ambulansseja taivaalla* (ambulance cars in heaven) was published in 2012 by sanasato publishing house. for years, he has focused on poetry animations.

**harry salmenniemi** (\*1983) is regarded as one of the most influential finnish poets of his generation. from 2007 until 2008 he was editor of the magazine tuli&savu. his four poetry volumes were published by otava publishing house.

**mari laaksonen** (\*1986) is the winner of the finnish poetry slam 2013. recently she has worked on manually drawn animations and her thesis about the performance of derrida's writings. her first book, *galleria noesis*, was published in 2013 by ntamo.

**oravin** (\*1984) is an austrian poet and audio-visual performer. since september 2013, he is part of the network for young german lyric poetry, *babelspreh*. he lives in finland and austria.

<http://oravin.tumblr.com>

**video samples:**

joona ruusuvuori: <https://vimeo.com/85686378>

(at the presentation at vienna poetry school with english subtitles)

JK Ihalainen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FoGZqNVYh8w>

mari laaksonen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WnKkXIBL0Q>

(at the presentation at vienna poetry school with english subtitles)

oravin: <https://vimeo.com/86361382>



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