



Selma Vilhunen

Acclaimed Finnish filmmaker Selma Vilhunen has rapidly gained international success with her feature films, shorts and documentaries. One of Vilhunen's signature traits is an ability to capture big, fundamental emotions using small, subtle gestures.

In 2014, Vilhunen received an Academy Award nomination in the category 'Best Live Action Short Film' for her festival hit *Do I Have to Take Care of Everything?* (2012), the second Finnish film in history to be nominated for an Academy Award.

Her fiction feature debut *Little Wing* (2016), both written and directed by Vilhunen, premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival and went on to play at more than 50 festivals around the world. It received wonderful reviews and was, among many prizes and nominations, awarded the **Nordic Council Film Prize 2017**.

Vilhunen's most recent documentary, *Hobbyhorse Revolution* (2017), premiered at the Tampere Film Festival and won the main prize in national competition, the **Risto Jarva Main Prize**. It was also the winner of 'Best Documentary' at the 2018 Jussi Awards.

Her feature, *Stupid Young Heart* (2018), a warm and raw drama about suburban teenagers, won the **Best Pitch Award** at the Finnish Film Affair. The film had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival, where it was very well received, and went on to win the **Crystal Bear** for 'Best Youth Film' at the 2019 Berlinale.

In 2018, The Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture awarded Vilhunen the **Finnish National Prize**. The prestigious prize acknowledges a significant artistic career, achievement or promising breakthrough.

Vilhunen's latest feature film *Four Little Adults* had its world premiere at the International Film Festival Rotterdam, and was selected for their Big Screen Competition. *Four Little Adults* then travelled to Göteborg Film Festival where it was nominated for the **Dragon Award** - 'Best Nordic Film.'

Awards

Slovenian Art Cinema Association Award Slovenia - <i>Neljä pientä aikuista Four Little Adults</i>	2023
Gothenburg Film Festival Nominee (Dragon Award Best Nordic Film) Sweden - <i>Neljä pientä aikuista Four Little Adults</i>	2023

International Film Festival Rotterdam Nominee (Big Screen Competition) The Netherlands - <i>Neljä pientä aikuista Four Little Adults</i>	2023
Nordic Film Days in Lubeck (Children's & Youth Film Award) Germany - <i>Hölmö nuori sydän Stupid Young Heart</i>	2019
Giffoni Film Festival Nominee (Generator +13) Italy - <i>Hölmö nuori sydän Stupid Young Heart</i>	2019
Jussi Award Nominee (Best Direction) Finland - <i>Hölmö nuori sydän Stupid Young Heart</i>	2019
Portland International Film Festival Nominee (Jury Prize) US - <i>Hölmö nuori sydän Stupid Young Heart</i>	2019
Sarajevo Film Festival Nominee (TeenAction) Bosnia and Herzegovina - <i>Hölmö nuori sydän Stupid Young Heart</i>	2019
Berlin International Film Festival (Best Film, Generation Section) Germany - <i>Hölmö nuori sydän Stupid Young Heart</i>	2019
Finnish National Prize	2018
Jussi Awards (Best Documentary Film) Finland - <i>Hobbyhorse Revolution</i>	2018
BUFF International Film Festival Nominee (The City of Malmö Children's Film Award) Sweden - <i>Tyttö nimeltä Varpu Little Wing</i>	2017
Cinekid Amsterdam (Best Children's Film Audience Award) Netherlands - <i>Hobbyhorse Revolution</i>	2017
Hamburg Film Festival Nominee (Michel Award) Germany - <i>Tyttö nimeltä Varpu Little Wing</i>	2017
RiverRun International Film Festival (Audience Choice Award Best Narrative Feature) US - <i>Tyttö nimeltä Varpu Little Wing</i>	2017
RiverRun International Film Festival Nominee (Jury Prize Best Narrative Feature) US - <i>Tyttö nimeltä Varpu Little Wing</i>	2017
Tampere International Film Festival (Risto Jarva Main Prize) Finland - <i>Hobbyhorse Revolution</i>	2017
Gothenburg Film Festival Nominee (Dragon Award Best Nordic Film) Sweden - <i>Tyttö nimeltä Varpu Little Wing</i>	2017
BUFF International Film Festival Nominee (ECFA Award) Sweden - <i>Tyttö nimeltä Varpu Little Wing</i>	2017
Nordic Council's Film Prize - <i>Tyttö nimeltä Varpu Little Wing</i>	2017
Finnish Film Affair (The Best Pitch Award) Finland - <i>Hölmö nuori sydän Stupid Young Heart</i>	2017
Jussi Awards Nominee (Best Film) Finland - <i>Tyttö nimeltä Varpu Little Wing</i>	2017
Cinekid Amsterdam (Honourable mention) Netherlands - <i>Tyttö nimeltä Varpu Little Wing</i>	2017
Tampere International Film Festival (Grand Prix National Competition) Finland - <i>Hobbyhorse Revolution</i>	2017
Palm Springs International Film Festival Nominee (New Visions Grand Jury Prize) US - <i>Tyttö nimeltä Varpu Little Wing</i>	2017
Jussi Awards Nominee (Best Direction) Finland - <i>Tyttö nimeltä Varpu Little Wing</i>	2017
Jussi Awards Nominee (Best Script) Finland - <i>Tyttö nimeltä Varpu Little Wing</i>	2017

Rome Film Fest (Golden Camera Taodue Award) Italy - <i>Tyttö nimeltä Varpu Little Wing</i>	2016
Academy Awards Nominee (Best Short Film, Live Action) US - <i>Pitääkö mun kaikki hoitaa? Do I Have to Take Care of Everything?</i>	2014
Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival Nominee (Sleepwalkers Jury Prize) Estonia - <i>Pitääkö mun kaikki hoitaa? Do I Have to Take Care of Everything?</i>	2014
Manhattan Short Film Festival Nominee (Best Short Film) US - <i>Pitääkö mun kaikki hoitaa? Do I Have to Take Care of Everything?</i>	2013
Aspen Shortsfest (Best Comedy) US - <i>Pitääkö mun kaikki hoitaa? Do I Have to Take Care of Everything?</i>	2013
Aspen Shortsfest (Audience Recognition) US - <i>Pitääkö mun kaikki hoitaa? Do I Have to Take Care of Everything?</i>	2013
Tampere International Short Film Festival (Finnish Short Film Over 30 minutes) Finland - <i>Ponitytöt Pony Girls</i>	2008
Tampere International Short Film Festival (Finnish Short Film Under 30 Minutes) Finland - <i>Minun pikku elefanttini My Little Elephants</i>	2003

Filmography

Neljä pientä aikuista Four Little Adults (Feature film) - <i>Writer, Director</i>	2023
Carpe Fucking Diem! (TV Series) (Comedy) - <i>Director</i>	2020
Hölmö nuori sydän Stupid Young Heart (Feature film) (Drama) - <i>Director</i>	2018
Tyttö nimeltä Varpu Little Wing (Feature film) (Drama) - <i>Director, Writer</i>	2017
Hobbyhorse Revolution (Documentary) - <i>Director</i>	2017
The Girl and the Dogs (Short) (Drama, Mystery) - <i>Director, Writer</i>	2014
Laulu (Documentary, Drama) - <i>Director, Writer</i>	2014
Pitääkö mun kaikki hoitaa? Do I Have to Take Care of Everything? (Short) (Comedy, Drama) - <i>Director</i>	2014
Disco (Short) (Documentary) - <i>Director</i>	2013

Ponitytöt Pony Girls <i>(Documentary)</i> - Director, Writer	2008
Pietà <i>(TV Movie)</i> <i>(Drama)</i> - Director, Writer	2007
Jätkät Loggers <i>(Short)</i> <i>(Documentary)</i> - Director, Writer	2006
Koti-ikävä <i>(Feature film)</i> <i>(Drama)</i> - Writer	2005
Minun pikku elefanttini My Little Elephants <i>(Short)</i> <i>(Documentary)</i> - Director, Writer	2003
Welcome to the Day 6 of the Iraq War <i>(Short)</i> <i>(Documentary)</i> - Director, Writer	2003
Espoon viimeinen neitsyt <i>(TV Movie)</i> <i>(Drama)</i> - Writer	2003
Risteys <i>(Short)</i> <i>(Drama)</i> - Director	2002
Ruutana Crucian Carp <i>(Short)</i> <i>(Drama)</i> - Director, Writer	2001
Päivä isän kanssa A Day with Dad <i>(Short)</i> <i>(Documentary)</i> - Director, Writer	1999
Tämä hetki <i>(Short)</i> <i>(Documentary)</i> - Director, Writer	1999