Lauri Porra

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Lauri Porra is a Finnish composer, artist and curator. His music moves between orchestral writing, rock, jazz and electronic music, often for large and unusual forces.

His works have been performed by the BBC Symphony Orchestra, London Symphony Orchestra, Seattle Symphony, Iceland Symphony Orchestra, Lahti Symphony Orchestra and the Orchestra of the Finnish National Opera. Entropia, his concerto for electric bass, was premiered by Porra and the Lahti Symphony Orchestra in 2015 and has since been performed in Europe and the United States, with upcoming performances in Santiago, Sydney and New Zealand. In 2024 his BASSO, written for 150 bass voices and instruments, was premiered at Helsinki Festival for an audience of 26,000 on Senate Square.

Porra has released nine solo albums. They include Matter and Time (2024), with Stephen Fry narrating texts by astrophysicist Esko Valtaoja, Seasons in Moominvalley (Sony Classical, 2025) and Matkantekijä: Music for Travellers (2026), composed for Finnair and heard on its flights and in its lounges. Ääniä – Finland’s Official Soundscape, commissioned by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, was released on Independence Day 2024.

He has scored more than 20 films and TV series. His score for Stormskerry Maja won the Jussi Award for best film music in 2025, and his recent work includes Kalevala: The Story of Kullervo (2026).

Porra has been the bassist of Stratovarius since 2005 and has performed in over 50 countries. He is artistic director of Turku Music Festival, Vantaa Orchestra and Unelmien Heinola Festival. A fourth-generation musician, he is a great-grandson of Jean Sibelius.

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