

## TaikaBox ry

### OPERATIONAL REPORT 2020

#### OULU AS AN INTERNATIONAL DANCE/TECH CENTRE

- Most TaikaBox's activities in Spring 2020 were cancelled or rescheduled in the future due to Covid-19.
- Due to the operation funds from Taika and Oulu City TaikaBox was able to continue and develop new ways of working in some of the projects.
- The partnership with Kulttuuritalo Valve enabled us to develop a new project: Warjakka Art Walk outdoors in Varjakka. This was connected with existing Warjakka - augmented reality project.
- Dance Artists in Barents and collaboration between four countries was moved to online with live audiences in all four countries. We developed Connected Studio System.
- We created Swedish version of Born Old – Född Gammal through online rehearsals.

#### Dance/Tech Day

- TaikaBox organised Dance/Tech Day on 23.-24.3.2020 as part of Dance Artists in Barents.

#### Oulu Dance Hack 2020

- This was cancelled, but we gained a grant from OKM to test a new way to organize this in Feb 2021.

#### Warjakka Art Walk

- Due to unpredictability of Covid-19 TaikaBox did not arrange its usual cultural activities in Varjakka Island. Instead we created an Art Walk in the mainland with local artist Mirjami Mäkelä with support from Kulttuuritalo Valve. We arranged regular guided art walks along the art path and several pop-up art space open workshops for community in different locations in Varjakka.

#### Warjakka Art Lab

- Mirjami led also a week-long community based art lab utilising Varjakka's great outdoor places. Art Lab gained 35 participants in total.

#### Warjakka – augmented reality experience and gallery – and Warjakka Gardens

- TaikaBox continued developing its augmented reality experience. The virtual houses were installed in location and Warjakka app was developed and launched.
- TaikaBox continues working on this project.

#### Warjakka artist residency

- This was cancelled, but TaikaBox is making plans for bigger dance residency for summer 2021 together with several European partners.

#### Born Old – Tietäjä Iänikuinen – Född Gammal

- TaikaBox created Swedish version of its Kalevala based children production Born Old. The rehearsals took place online. The tour to schools was cancelled and we started experimenting with live streaming from our Pikisaari studio.

- The creation and performance of the Faroese version: Føddur Gamal was postponed to Spring 2021. We are now planning for live streamed version of our collaboration with a local performer in the Faroese Island.

#### Dance Artists in Barents

- TaikaBox took part in major collaborative project called Dance Artists in Barents. The leader and the main funder of the project was Luleå-based Dansinitiativet.
- Original plan was to create four pieces for a joint tour in Finland, Sweden, Norway and Russia.
- Due Covid-19 and closed borders we developed Out of Urgency performance with six dancers and four audiences. The work was performed seven times: 5.11. / 14.11. / 17.11. / 19.11. / 21.11. / 26.11. / 28.11. As part of the process we developed Connected Studio System.

#### Morning Rave classes

- In Autumn 2020 we began offering Morning Rave community-based dance classes. The emphasis was on people's wellbeing.

#### DigiDance Open Space

- We managed to organise DigiDance Open Space once before we had to close our doors to the public due to Covid-19 restrictions.

#### Mentoring and work experience

- We offered Summer work to two young local people in Varjakka in partnership with Kulttuuritalo Valve. They worked on our Warjakka projects.
- In Autumn 2020 we offered work experience places to two Finnish language students.

#### Communications

- We gained press and media coverage mainly for our Warjakka and Dance Artists in Barents projects Kaleva, Rantalakeus, Mun Oulu, Kaltio and Dance Info Finland published articles relating to these projects.

#### Finances

##### Income

Total income in 2020 was 111 907,32 euros, of which earned income was 41 134,42 euros (mainly from Dance Artists in Barents and Kaupunginosataiteilija.)

##### Funding

In 2020 we gained total of 70 772,90 euros in grants: 30 000 euros from Taike (operational grant); 5 000 from Oulu City euros (operational grant); 10 000 euros from Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriö (korona grant); 15 000 euros from Taike (children culture, will be used in 2021); 3 500 euros from Oulun valistustalonrahasto (Dance Artists in Barents); and 7 272,90 euros from Oulun Seudun Leader (Warjakka project, paid by receipts).

##### Expenditure

Total expenditure was 87 742,41 euros, of which staffing costs were 76 968,87 euros and other expenses were 10 773,54 euros.