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Mirja Metsola is an experienced and award-winning film maker in social, cultural and anthropological documentaries. Graduate of social anthropology (MA) and philosophy(BA) at Helsinki University. She made a long career in the Finnish Broadcasting Company, YLE working in current affairs, science and about 60 documentaries about Finland, Scandinavia and Europe, USA, Middle East, Russia, Africa. Her films have described cultural heritage, traditions, music, ethnic and social issues in contemporary world, often with a touch of humour. Her films have been shown at various international festivals and broadcast by TV stations in Scandinavia, Europe, USA, Australia and Russia. She has also worked as a lecturer on ethnographic film and documentary in various universities and media schools.

Since 2007 she founded her own company **METSOLA MEDIA**. The company makes **documentaries, music films and videos** to TV, museums, art exhibitions, organizations. Recently she has published books and videos on local history and ethnographic film making in Finland. She also provides foreign TV companies with **stringer and fixer services**. **Specialization:** ethnography, music, history, culture, social issues.

Work experience (I)

In production (Metsola Media):

2015-2020 : The Change of Perkkaa. Video documentation project . Author, Director, DOP. Bergans kiinteistöt ltd.

Recent activity/selection:

2008-2014, 2016 - External expert. EACEA Media

2008 -16 Fixer services : BBC Lifestyle, BBC Classical Music, ARTE, ZDF

2014-16 Sakari Pälsi'. Life and Works". Editor of an article collection. Published 2017 by INTO publishing company

2013- 2016 : Hundred years of Finnish Ethnographical Film (Article/ Jari Kupiainen, Liisa Häkkinen: Cultures in Representation(work title), SKS 2016

2015 (May-June) Fixer: BBC Bristol: HAIRY BIKERS(Food and culture series, Finland)

2014 - 2015 MEMORY OF MUSIC- FOLK MUSIC VIDEOS 3: SINGING STYLES OF FINNISH MINORITIES:

Swedish-speaking Finns, The Sami, The Gypsies of Finland.

Director with **illume ltd** with grants from MES, Kone Foundation, Fredrik Pacius Minnesfornd, Svenska Kulturfonden, Konstsamfundet. Publishing: November 2015, www.kansanmusiikki.fi

2009 – 2013 MEMORY of MUSIC - FOLK MUSIC VIDEOS 1. TRADITIONAL INSTRUMENTS 2. FOLK SINGING

STYLES . Director with ILLUME ltd for the website of the Finnish Folk Music Association www.kansanmusiikki.fi /Musiikin muisti and YLE TEEMA 2010-2015

2012–13 From Alberga to Leppävaara – regional video videoauthor,Director, DOP. DVD. Leppävaara- society ja Espoo City Museum

2012 Seurasaari outdoor museum Author, DOP, Director. www.seurasaarisaatio.fi

2009–2011 Village of Iron. Editor of a book and director/DOP of attached DVD

2010 A Church boat documentary, DOP, director. The Seurasaari Museum foundation.

01/2010 THE SIBELIUS ACADEMY Video shown at "Young Classic Award"- festival, Interlaken 2.2.2010, Director.

2010 Once Upon a Time There Was Dark –video for exhibition on sustainable development. Museum of Cultures, Helsinki . Author, director, DOP.

2008 Sound of Trash! Director, DOP, editor. Exhibition video.

2008 SUUNTA. An experimental presentation of folk music group. Sibelius Academy.

2008 The Folk Music Department of Sibelius Academy. Presentation video, Sevilla WOMEX. Author, DOP, Director.