

Biography (short version)

Ilkka Hammo (b. 1983) is a versatile composer, active guitarist and guitar teacher. His compositions consists mainly of instrumental music for soloists, chamber ensembles and orchestras of various sizes.

Ilkka Hammo's work as a composer combines free intuitional, natural musicianship and carefully polished structures. Dramatically emotional, intense textures, playful and rhythmical characters, and a strong sense of direction - these all define Hammo's style of composition. Operatic narrative is often a common thread in his instrumental compositions, even though he rarely uses programmatic elements.

Hammo's music has been performed by e.g. The Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra (cond. Hannu Lintu), Ostrobothnian Chamber Orchestra (cond. Juha Kangas), Tampere Philharmonic Orchestra (cond. Matthew Halls and Eero Lehtimäki), UMO Helsinki Jazz Orchestra (cond. Ed Partyka), Helsinki Chamber Choir (joht. Nils Schweckendiek), Avanti!, ensemble recherche, TampereRaw, Kaaos Ensemble, NYKY Ensemble (joht. Lauri Ahokas), Ilmatar Duo and Tampering Ensemble (cond. Janne Valkeajoki, Maja Metelska ja Tuomas Turriago). In addition, e.g. Anna-Liisa Bezrodny, Diana Ketler, Joonatan Rautiola, Tuuli Lindeberg, Petri Kumela and Andrzej Wilkus have premiered his works.

Ilkka Hammo studied composition in Sibelius Academy with Veli-Matti Puumala and Tapio Nevanlinna in 2005-2015.