

Riku Lehtopolku



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Riku Lehtopolku has danced with Pori Dance Company since 2001, performing in works by choreographers such as Jorma Uotinen, Tero Saarinen, Marjo Kuusela and Jarkko Mandelin.

He has also performed with various other companies, including Finnish National Ballet, Skånes Dansteater, Iceland Dance Company as well as Susanna Leinonen Company and Carl Knif Company.

Since 2006 Riku has worked as the repetitor of Jorma Uotinen's works in Finnish National Ballet, Ballet School of the Finnish National Opera and Ballet, Royal Danish Ballet among others.

Riku works also as a choreographer and teacher in Finland and abroad. In recent years he was invited to give workshops in Japan and South Korea.

Since 2014, he has been the co-artistic director of Pori Dance Company. From 2020 he is the artistic director of Kuopio Dance Festival.