

Wilfried Jacobs

Wilfried received his ballet education at the Royal Ballet School of Antwerp, Belgium.

In March 1995 his first professional engagement was in Karlsruhe, Germany, where he danced with The Ballet am Badishes Staatstheater under the artistic direction of choreographer Germinal Cassado.

From August 1998 until September 2007 he worked as a freelance dancer, choreographer and teacher in Japan. Together with his wife he also ran and taught at the private ballet school of his mother in law.

While dancing at the IBC 2006 of Jackson, USA, former director Dinna Bjørn invited him to come to Helsinki and join the Finnish National Ballet, which he did in September 2007.

From August 2013 until September 2020 he combines his duties of Principal Dancer with those of coordinating the Ballet School of the Finnish National Opera and Ballet, where he also taught the daily classes to the middle level and vocational boys.

In December 2016 he received the decoration; **Knight of the Order of the Lion of Finland**.

Wilfried graduated from HAMK (Häme University of Applied Science) as an International Professional Teacher in spring 2017.

In September 2020 he retires from FNB and relocates to Belgium where he works as an artistic advisor and consultant, as a guest teacher for private ballet schools and guest company teacher at the Ballet Flanders. Since January 2021 he is Guest Professor Classical Ballet for the Bachelor students at the Royal Conservatoire of Antwerp/AP Artesis University.

For more detailed information on Wilfried's career please have a look at [his CV](#).

