




**VÄKEVÄ**  
**CONTEMPORARY**  
**CIRCUS**  
**PERFORMANCE**

*"This is inspiring, stirring and brave  
physical theatre at its best."*

Brighton Source  
Ben Miller

**AGIT**  
**CIRK** 



## Iron jaw

A journey through the world  
of old circus stunts

### VÄKEVÄ

An intimate circle of audience will shape a living manège for the performer who is introducing the history of the circus stunts he will show a living example. The spectator will not be a bystander but has a chance to take part and have an active role of an old circus strongman ritual where humor is not forgotten.

Sasu Peistola is the strongman and iron jaw in Väkevä.

Strength, skill and presence are the essence of this truly memorable one-man show.

Length: 30 mins

Suitable for all ages up from 5 years

### SASU PEISTOLA

has specialized in pair acrobatics and he has performed also as a theatre actor.

He graduated with a Circus degree from the Arts Academy of Turku University of Applied Sciences in 2007. He has also studied circus arts in the Kyiv Municipal Academy of Circus and Variety Arts in Ukraine and at ESAC (Ecole Supérieure des Arts du Cirque) in Brussels, Belgium.

In Väkevä Sasu made the legends of circus live once more through his stories of circus history. You have to see it to believe it! The iron jaw makes spectacular gut wrenching stunts from the past with his muscles and teeth!

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SALES & TECHNICAL MATERIAL: SASU  
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## The performing space & technical info

Väkevä performance is utilizing a wooden space called KomsioDome. One performer on stage and the intimacy of the dome which has seats for 35 people will make the experience exceptional for the audience and the performer.

Set up takes approximately three hours the same day. The brake down takes approximately two hours. There has to be access to the stage for 2½ hours after the show.

There should be an access to the performing site before and after the show with a car. If this is not possible the presenter should provide a trolley or similar.

There are two (2) people on tour.  
Space needed: minimum 8x8, 5 meters height

The company Agit-Cirk

Agit-Cirk is an association for circus arts and music and it was founded in 2005. The members of Agit-Cirk work in genres of circus arts, music and poetry. Their mission is to create and produce unique and modern high-level multidisciplinary circus arts performances. Agit-Cirk's performances have been seen not only all around Finland and Scandinavia, but also in Europe, Russia, New Zealand and U.S.A.

Artistic crew  
Performer and concept: Sasu Peistola  
Directed: Sasu Peistola and Sakari Männistö  
Dramaturgy: Sakari Männistö  
Texts: Sasu Peistola  
English translation: Sakari Männistö  
Costume design: Kaisa Kemikoski  
Set assistance: Kaisa Kemikoski  
Production: Agit-Cirk  
Teaser and trailer: Jori Reunanen  
Photos: Ari Kauppila  
Duration 30 mins

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Reunanen

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/263053599>

## Quotes

*"...robust and charismatic storyteller..."*

*"a brief and witty introduction to being a strongman with a sickening section in the middle."*

*"...grabbing the kettlebell to enact an emotive, muscular dance in the hushed space."*

*"This stonking circus act from Finland might be one of the best things at Brighton Fringe this year"*

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# Ready to tour May 2018

Tour dates 2018:

4.5 Brighton Fringe, The Spire 19:00

5.5 Brighton Fringe, The Spire 14:00 and 17:30

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3.6 Helsinki, Stoa 15:00

4.6 Helsinki, Stoa 18:00

12.6 Helsinki, Stoa 18:00

13.6 Helsinki, Stoa 18:00

8.8 London, klo 14:30 and 18:00

25.8 Berlin Circus Festival

26.8 Berlin Circus Festival

1.9 Berlin Circus Festival

2.9 Berlin Circus Festival

11.10 Lumous Festival Vantaa