



# Heli Siekkinen

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# Heli Siekkinen – Biography

Heli started her musical journey as an accordionist in the age of three. Being very anxious to perform in public, Heli participated her first competition when she was six years old and won her first Finnish championship. Heli continued competing and gained in total five Finnish championships. She also participated competitions in Germany, Italy and Denmark and achieved two third places, from Italy and Denmark.

Heli graduated in 2004 as a musician from the **Conservatoire of Jyväskylä Vocational Institute**. Interest towards music in its all forms has driven Heli in many projects. She can be seen as a soloist or with variable ensembles in concert halls, theaters, clubs and restaurants with versatile repertoires.

One of her ensembles is **Quinteto Fuego**, which has been her passion since 2001. Fuego performs tango nuevo from **Piazzolla**. The ensemble participated international **Astor Piazzolla** -competition in 2004 and was placed second. In 2008 they published a record **Quinteto Fuego Plays Piazzolla!**

It was also Piazzolla's music that inspired Heli to study the art of **bandoneón**. She played her debut concert as a soloist with **Jyväskylä University Symphony Orchestra** in November 2010.

## Heli Siekkinen – Reviews

It was a pleasure listening to your expertise and how you put your soul in to the music. Along your playing I traveled to the Mediterranean and back with a tear in my eye and shivers down on my spine. This is something we need to hear more!

**feedback from a concert performing as bandoneon soloist with the Symphony Orchestra of Jyväskylä University**

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We've heard Heli several times and she keeps on astonishing us by the intensity in her playing.

**Vesa—Pekka Kangaskorpi, CEO, Keskisuomalainen Oyj**

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All I could do was to listen to you.

**feedback from a private concert**