

Miska Kajanus is 2024 Performer of the Year



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Chair, Performer of the Year

Miska Kajanus, a Finnish-American actor, comedian and filmmaker from Finland and now based in Los Angeles, is Finlandia Foundation's Performer of the Year for 2024.

Miska's education is in theater and film. He has appeared on television in *Modern Family* and *Bordertown*, and in numerous Finnish films, TV shows and music videos. Miska has performed with many collaborators, including stand-up comedian Ismo Leikola. He and Ismo contributed a sauna skit to the inaugural FFN National Sauna Week in 2022, and Miska and actress Nina Sallinen hosted a talk show about sauna in 2023.

Miska is looking forward to performing his theatrical one-man show about his journey from Finland to America. It will be in a comedic fashion with some improvisational elements. The reviews about Miska describe his work as "dynamic" and "remarkable."

FFN chapters can enjoy a versatile and original performer, who will be available for POY appearances from January through December of 2024. FFN pays for travel to the host location, while chapters arrange local hosting and pay his honorarium. More details can be found at FinlandiaFoundation.org.

For more about Miska: miskakajanus.fi