

Juhani Teräs is an internationally recognized ballet master from Finland.

EDUCATION:

1966 – *Finnish National Opera's ballet school*

1971 – *Vaganova Academy* in St. Petersburg with Professor Boris Bregvadze

1977 – *Bolshoi ballet school, class of Olga Alexandrovna Ilina.*

APPOINTMENTS AND POSITIONS:

1966 – Soloist at the *Finnish National Ballet*

1979 – Appointed as a **ballet master** of the **Finnish National Ballet**.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

1084 – International career as a ballet master and ballet director. In this capacity Juhani Teräs has worked as guest pedagogue with over forty different companies around the world including *Alberta Ballet* in Canada; *Deutsche Opern am Rhein* Dusseldorf, *Dortmund Ballet* and *Semper Opern* Dresden in Germany; *Hungarian National Ballet*, *Pécs Ballet* and *Debrecen Ballet* in Hungary; *Ballet of the Arena di Verona* and *Teatro Lirico* in Italy; *Ballet of the New National Theatre* Tokyo in Japan; *Cullberg Ballet*, *Royal Swedish Ballet* and *Gothenburg Ballet* in Sweden; *Ballet Basel* and *Grand Théâtre Genève* in Switzerland; *Donetsk Opera and Ballet Theatre* in Ukraine; *Estonian National Ballet*, *Norwegian National Ballet*, *Czech National Ballet* and *Brno Ballet* in Czech republic, *National Ballet of Portugal*, *Latvian National Ballet*, *Scottish National Ballet*, *Turkish National Ballet*, *Boston Ballet* and *Universal Ballet* in Seoul, Korea, among others.

Juhani Teräsvoori has also acted as a *Ballet Director* in the Gothenburg Opera House in Sweden and *Assistant Ballet Director* in Arena di Verona / Teatro Lirico in Italy. He has also acted as a ballet master and artistic advisor in several dance productions in Finland and abroad.

CURRENT POSITION AND DIRECTION:

Juhani Teräsvoori is presently more and more concentrating in his work as a dance promoter and producer. Working with Nordic dance companies and dancers, in general, is very close to his heart. In 2000 he expanded his activities by starting an international agency called *Nordic Dance Management*, presently *NordicDance Makers*, based in Finland. He has already been representing many dance companies and dance artists by organizing tours and performances both in Scandinavia and worldwide.

NordicDance Makers produced a Finnish Gala at *Dansens Hus* in Stockholm in February 2003. In August 2004 NordicDance Makers produced a *Nordic Stars Ballet gala* in the Hungarian State Opera House in Budapest with dancers from the Norwegian National Ballet, Royal Swedish Ballet (Stockholm 59^o North) and Finland. The same production was seen in the Tampere Hall in Finland in August 2005. He is the Artistic Director and founder of the *Lappeenranta Ballet Gala*. First Gala was held in August 2010.

Juhani Teräsvoori was also acting as an Artistic Director of the *Imatra Ballet Gala* 1998-2009 in Finland and the Director of the *Helsinki International Ballet Competition 2005*. Juhani served as a member of the *Art Council for dance in Finland* during the period 2004-2006.

AWARDS

Juhani Teräsvoori is awarded the **Order of the Lion of Finland**, the highest professional accomplishment recognition award (Pro Finlandia) in 2016.