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AINO ELINA [i know Elina]

Ethereal Vocals – Beats – Hazy Harmonies

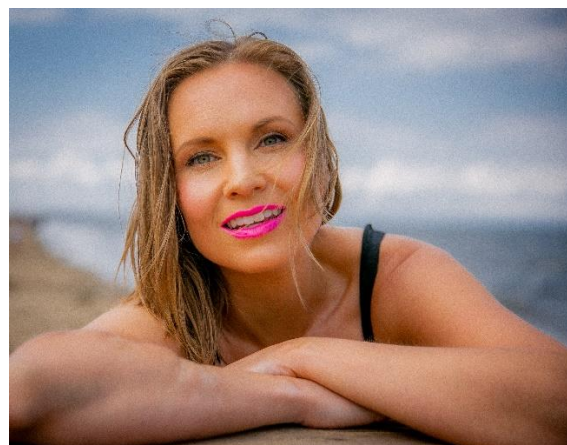
Active since 2016

Managements & Labels:

The Animal Farm Music 2022 –

Masi Music 2020 – 2021

Flow State Music 2019 - 2021



BIO:

Ethereal indie electro pop to bounce and float along to. Edinburgh (UK) based singer-songwriter originally from Lapland, Finland. Intriguingly, Aino Elina sings in both her native Finnish and in English, combining ethereal harmonies, electronic beats with luminous vocals to create uplifting electro pop. She's released a double LP Kite/Thinning Ice in 2025. The singles from the album have gained plays on Spotify editorial playlists and national radio both in Finland and Scotland. Suuntaa was chosen as the single of the week on BBC Radio Scotland, No Dusk No Dawn was played on their Upload Show, and Rainbow Highway made it on the BBC Introducing Scotland show.

EDUCATION:

2014 Master of Arts, Music, Popular Music Performance, Leeds College of Music

2011 Bachelor of Culture and Arts, Musical Theatre, Lahti University of Applied Sciences, Institute of Music & Drama

2004 Finnish Matriculation Examination, Sibelius High School of Music & Dance

AWARDED GRANTS:

6 000€	Arts Promotion Center Finland (Taike)	2021
4 000€	Arts Promotion Center Finland (Taike)	2021
£1 200	National Lottery Fund, Creative Scotland	2020

LINKS:

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ainoelinaofficial>

YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/@ainoelina>

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/iknowelina>

Website <https://www.ainoelina.com/>

TikTok <https://www.tiktok.com/@iknowelina>

Spotify https://open.spotify.com/artist/5iZV2BXeBTOeaKrBucAB45?si=1AxI09-CQ92mG7jacQ_KqA

RADIO & PRESS HIGHLIGHTS:

"Very ethereal, haunting almost and the artist's vocals are beautiful. -- it's just the imagination of these songs, they are really beautiful, I really connected with them -- this song just feels like it's connecting to something more than the sound, maybe like a place or a feeling. It's really stunning. And I think you're gonna love it."

Radio play of Rainbow Highway on BBC Introducing Scotland

BBC Radio Scotland, April 2025

Feature of Kite album on April New Music Roundup

The Skinny Magazine, April 2025

Article featuring the album Kite

Palokka-magazine, April 2025

Radio play of Dreaming, on Amazing Radio

Amazingradio, April 2025

Radio play of Hold on, on Amazing Radio

Amazingradio, October 2023

"Aino Elina's voice has a celestial sweetness that transports the listener into a luminous and airy Nordic universe"

Iggy Magazine, on Hold on, Nov 2023 (translated from French)

"Atmospheric and dreamy"

It's all Indie, on Hold on, Oct 2023

Radio play on Afternoon Show, Maan laulu

BBC Radio Scotland, April 2022

Radio play of Maan laulu on Amazing Radio and Amazing Radio USA

Amazingradio, April 2022

"A soothing and ethereal embrace. The production is enveloping with the winding vocals sung in her native language wrapping you in a wash of pop perfection."

Scottish Alternative Music Awards, on Sillalla, Nov 2021

Single of the week, Suuntaa

Afternoon Show, **BBC Radio Scotland**, March 2021

Single of the week, Suuntaa

Alive & Amplified, March 2021

GIG HIGHLIGHTS

FESTIVAL: Edinburgh International Storytelling Festival	2025
FESTIVAL: Vogrie Pogrie, UK	2025
FESTIVAL: Kelburn Garden Party	2025
HEADLINE: Sneaky Pete's, Edinburgh	2025
HEADLINE: Sketchy Beats, Edinburgh	2025
SUPPORT: SLY DIG, The Outhouse, Edinburgh	2024
HEADLINE: Stripped, The Outhouse, Edinburgh	2024
SUPPORT: Francesca, The Outhouse, Edinburgh	2024
SUPPORT: Pinlight, Wee red bar, Edinburgh	2023
INTERNATIONAL SHOWCASE: Kansai Music Conference, Japan, online	2023
INTERNATIONAL SHOWCASE: IMX, China, online	2023
SUPPORT: Niamh Morris, Bannerman's, Edinburgh	2023
FESTIVAL: Meadows festival after party, Greenmantle, Edinburgh	2023
HEADLINE: Look into it Festival, Lamberton	2023
FESTIVAL: Eden, Moffat	2023
CLUB: SRS Launch Party 2 nd shot, Wee red bar, Edinburgh	2023
HEADLINE: MedEngine Summer Picnic, Helsinki	2022
FESTIVAL: Because You Are a Girl -festival, Teviot Row house, Edinburgh	2018
FESTIVAL: Kittilän Markkinat, Kittilä (Kittilä Cultural Office)	2018
FESTIVAL: Art Goes Kapakka, Helsinki	2018

HEADLINE GIGS

@Sneaky Pete's, Edinburgh	2025
@Sketchy Beats, Edinburgh	2025
@Outhouse, Edinburgh	2023
@Look into it Festival, Lamberton	2023
@ MedEngine Summer Picnic, Helsinki	2022
@Teviot Row House, Edinburgh	2019
@ Kittilän Markkinat, Kittilä (Kittilän kulttuuritoimi)	2018
@ Sneaky Pete's, Edinburgh	2018
@ Out of The Bedroom, Outhouse, Edinburgh	2017

FESTIVAL GIGS

@Vogrie Pogrie	2025
@ Edinburgh International Storytelling Festival	2025
@Kelburn Garden Party, with EBC	2025
@Meadows Festival afterparty	2023
@Look into it Festival, Lamberton	2023
@Eden Festival	2023
@ Art Goes Kapakka, Memphis Kamppi, Helsinki	2018
@ Eden Festival, Scotland	2018
@ Because You Are a Girl -festival, Teviot Row house, Edinburgh	2018
@ Art Goes Kapakka, Helsinki	2017
@ Art goes Kapakka, Manala	2015

SHOWCASES

@Kansai Music Conference, Japan	2023
@International Music Expo, China	2023

SUPPORT GIGS

Daniele Ippolito @ The Outhouse, Edinburgh	2025
Pinlight @ The Wee red bar, Edinburgh	2023
Niamh Morris @ Bannerman's, Edinburgh	2023

OTHER GIGS

@SRS Launch Party 2 nd shot, Wee red bar, Edinburgh	2023
@Live music night at Bannerman's, Edinburgh	2023
@ Maailmanpelastajaklubi, Hard Rock House, Helsinki	2022
@ Relay Music Online Concert	2021
@ Wee Red Bar, Edinburgh	2019
@ Bar Brig, Edinburgh	2019
@Out of The Blue, Drill Hall, Edinburgh	2019
@ Bloc+, Glasgow	2019
@ Safari lounge, Edinburgh, Supper Club	2018
@ The Wee Red Bar	2018
@ O2 ABC, Glasgow, Soundwaves Music Competition, Regional Final	2018
@ Bacchus, Glasgow, 80 Glassford Street, Soundwaves Music Competition	2017
@ Akva, Edinburgh	2017
@ The Famous Grouse House, George Street, Edinburgh	2017
@ The Wee Pub, Grassmarket, Edinburgh	2017
@ Iholla-klubi, Piritta, Helsinki	2016
@ Bergga, Helsinki	2016
@ Los Cojones, Helsinki	2015

NATIONAL RADIOPLAY**2025**

BBC RADIO SCOTLAND	Rainbow Highway	BBC Introducing Scotland
BBC RADIO SCOTLAND	No Dusk No Dawn	Afternoon Show

2022

BBC RADIO SCOTLAND	Maan laulu	Afternoon Show
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2021

BBC RADIO SCOTLAND	Suuntaa	Single of the week
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2020

YLEX (FI)	Jäät lähtee	New music rockshow
RADIO NOVA (FI)	Haikee	Unelmastudio final

2018

YLE RADIO 1 (FI)	Saippuaa	Kulttuuriykkönen
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2017

YLE RADIO SUOMI (FI)	Vankina	Levylautakunta
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LOCAL RADIOPLAY/SMALLER RADIO STATIONS

2025

AMAZING RADIO & AMAZING RADIO USA	Continuous play of songs from Kite/thinning Ice	
RADIO EXCALIBER	Thinning Ice	
RADIO CITTA APERTA	Thinning Ice	
RADIO ONDE FURLANE	Thinning Ice	
TOXIC FM	Thinning Ice	
KOR RADIO	Thinning Ice	
RTA PLANET	Thinning Ice	
POP RADIO UK	Thinning Ice	
CAM GLEN RADIO	Dreaming	Scots Whay Hae
AMAZING RADIO	Dreaming	Jim Gellatly
BFBS SCOTLAND	Dreaming	Jim Gellatly

2023

CAM GLEN RADIO	Hold on	Scots Whay Hae
AMAZING RADIO	Hold on	Jim Gellatly
SUNNYG RADIO	Hold on	

2022

CAM GLEN RADIO	Maan laulu	Scots Whay Hae
RADIO HELSINKI	Maan laulu	New Music Show
FINNRADIO	Maan laulu	Best Pop of the Day
AMAZING RADIO	Maan laulu	Jim Gellatly
AMAZING RADIO USA	Maan laulu	Pop Show

2021

CAM GLEN RADIO	Sillalla	Scots Whay Hae
RADIO HELSINKI	Sillalla	New Music Show
FINNRADIO	Sillalla	
RADIO HELSINKI	Se kesä	New music show
FINNRADIO	Se kesä	
VAULT RADIO	Suuntaa	The Music Now show
CAM GLEN RADIO	Suuntaa	Scots Whay Hae
RADIO KESKISUOMALAINEN	Suuntaa	Keskisuomesta kajahtaa
FINNRADIO	Suuntaa	Strong women in music

2020 - 2017

FINNRADIO	Jäät lähtee, Sillä rajalla, Haikee	
ROLL.FM	Jäät lähtee	
AMAZING RADIO	Sliding Down	Amazing afternoons
AMAZING RADIO	Sliding Down	Jim Gellatly
AMAZING RADIO	Rukous	
AMAZING RADIO	Vankina	
GRAFFITI RADIO	Vankina	

SPOTIFY EDITORIAL PLAYLISTS

2022

Spotify Editorial: Suomi indie tänään

Maan laulu

2021

Spotify Editorial: Suomi indie tänään

Suuntaa

Spotify Editorial: Uuden suomalaisen musiikin lista

Sillä rajalla

Spotify Editorial: Uuden suomalaisen musiikin lista

Jäät lähtee

Spotify Editorial: Suomi-indie tänään

Jäät lähtee

NEWSPAPERS/MAGAZINES

2025

The Skinny Magazine

Kite Album

New Music Roudup

Palokka-lehti

Kite Album

Article

2022

Kittilälehti

Maan laulu

Article

LeviNyt

Maan laulu

Article

2021

Kittilälehti

Se kesä

Article

Keskisuomalainen

Suuntaa

Article

Kittilälehti

Suuntaa

Article

2020

Lapin Kansa

Sillä rajalla

Article

Kittilä lehti

Haikee

Article

Kittilä lehti

Sillä rajalla

Article

Lapin Kansa

Jäät lähtee

Article

Soundi

Jäät lähtee

Music video premiere

2019

Scotsman

Sliding Down

Artist of the week

Soundi

Sliding Down

Demoefekti, review

2018

Helsingin uutiset

Art goes Kapakka

"One to watch" mention

The Skinny Magazine

Saippuaa

Music video premiere

Levi Nyt

Unissa EP

Article

2017

The Skinny Magazine

Rukous

Music video premiere

The Skinny Magazine

Vankina

Music video premiere

Kittilälehti

Vankina

Article

BLOGS

2025

Bandmine	Thinning Ice/Kite	Album Review
Tunesaround	Thinning Ice/Kite	Album Review
Obscure Sound	Thinning Ice/Kite	Album Review
Cheers to the Vikings	Thinning Ice/Kite	Album Review
Mesmerized Mag	Thinning Ice/Kite	Album Review
La Caverna.net	Thinning Ice/Kite	Album Review
Laurelanne Magazine	Thinning Ice	Single Review

2023

York Calling	Hold on	Review
Tape Ranger	Hold on	Feature
Plastic Magazine	Hold on	Feature
Iggy Magazine	Hold on	Review
It's all Indie	Hold on	Review

2021

Scottish Alternative		
Music Awards	Sillalla	Review
Takahuone	Suuntaa	Music video premiere
Alive & Amplified	Suuntaa	Track of the week
New found sound	Suuntaa	Introducing

2020

Desibeli	Sillä rajalla	Single review
Viihteen olohuone	Sillä rajalla	Article
Takahuone	Sillä rajalla	Article
Desibeli	Jäät lähtee	Single review
Takahuone	Jäät lähtee	Article

2019

Nordic Spotlight	All the Prayers	Single review
Desibeli	All the prayers	Single review

2018

Alive & Amplified	Unissa EP	"Fantastic artist"
Alive & Amplified	Vankina	"Brilliant"

2017

A&R Factory	Rukous	Single review
Best of British Unsigned	Rukous	
Best of British Unsigned	Vankina	Track of the week
Electronic North Blog	Vankina	Single review
Drunken coconut	Vankina	Vocalist showcase

WORK EXPERIENCE IN MUSIC:

Freelance singer songwriter and vocal coach Edinburgh School of Music, DC Music Lessons & Aino Elina Music	2015 -
Singer, dancer, actor in following plays/musicals: Mahagonny musical, They shoot horses don't they, Fame, Robin, Suor Angelica -opera, La Clemenza di Tito -opera	2005-2011
Composing and performance of soundscape and music for theatre: Lahti city theatre & Lahti Institute of music and drama, Lahti	2007-2008

DISCOGRAPHY:**Albums:**

Aino Elina: Kite/Thinning Ice Double LP	2025
Aino Elina: Unissa EP	2018

Singles:

Aino Elina: Dreaming	Single 2025
Aino Elina: Jaksaa jaksaa	Single 2024
Aino Elina: Hold on	Single 2023
Aino Elina: Maan laulu	Single 2022
Aino Elina: Sillalla	Single 2021
Aino Elina: Se kesä	Single 2021
Aino Elina: Suuntaa	Single 2021
Aino Elina: Sillä Rajalla	Single 2020
Aino Elina: Jäät Lähtee	Single 2020
Aino Elina: Haikee	Single 2020
Aino Elina: Sliding Down	Single 2019
Aino Elina: All the Prayers	Single 2019
Aino Elina: Saippuaa	Single 2017
Aino Elina: Rukous	Single 2017
Aino Elina: Vankina	Single 2017

Other:

Aino Elina: Your Star	Single 2016
The Mountain ft Aino Elina: Bloom	Single 2017
The Mountain ft Aino Elina: Kotiin	Single 2016
Sonikross ft Aino Elina: Sea in Me	Single 2015
Harley Rhys ft Aino Elina: You're one of Us	Single 2014