



First lady of Finland, Dr. Jenni Haukio was the patron of the festival in 2022.

"SAMPO Festival, through its high-level and distinctive international program, offers opportunities to immerse oneself into the most inspiring aspects of contemporary puppetry. Puppet theatre as an ancient art form is still powerfully enchanting; for a modern person a moment at the puppet theatre is like a meditative opportunity for refreshment, where a humane form of expression free from technological saturation supports concentration on presence and the deepest meanings of the performances.

Each puppet theatre performance is unique and connects its audience to the ancient tradition of storytelling, where people gathered around campfires to listen, and watch performances. The puppet theatre is also an experiential space for emotional experience - a communal journey to the core of the emotional world of the human mind. I wish all the visitors of SAMPO Festival a fulfilling journey with wonderful performers and performances!"



JENNI HAUKIO, Sampo Festival 2022 patron.