

# NIILLAS HOLMBERG - BIOGRAPHY



Niillas Holmberg (1990) is a multi artist from Ohcejohka of Saamiland, Finland. He works as a writer, musician, actor and activist. He works with three languages; Northern Saami, Finnish and English.

Holmberg has published six collections of poetry. His poetry has been translated into more than 10 languages and he has numerous participations in literary events and international festivals in Europe, Asia, North- and South-America.

As a musician he works as a vocalist, guitarist, composer and writer. He performs with 4 bands; arctic folk music with Niillas Holmberg Duo and Niillas Holmberg Kvarteahta, world music with Nordic Namgar and electronic music with YLVA. All bands work and perform internationally.

Holmberg has also worked as an actor on TV and theatre in Finland and Norway.

## **Books:**

Roadđi (Sivuvalo, 2016)  
Oaidnaleapmai Čáhcesiellu (Dat, 2016)  
The Way Back (FrancisBoutle, 2016)  
*Jos itseni pelastan itseltäni* (Palladium kirjat 2015)  
*Amas amas amasmuvvat* (Dat, 2013)  
*Dego livččen oaidnán iežan* (Dat, 2009)

## **Music Albums:**

YLVA (Bone Voyage Recordings, 2016)  
Assimilašuvdna blues (Tuupa Records, 2014)  
Live in Riddu (Finito Bacalao Records, 2014)  
Dego livččen oaidnán iežan (Tuupa Records, 2011)  
Ima Hutkosat (Dat, 2011)

## **Prizes:**

Sámi of the Year 2016  
Lapland Art Prize 2015  
Rajaseutuliiitto's Honorary Award  
Premio Giovani Literature Prize 2015  
Nomination for the Nordic Council's Literature Prize 2015  
Helmi Prize by Pohjolan Osuuspankki 2015  
Saami Council's Literature Prize 2014  
Kalevala Society's Young Artist's Prize 2011  
Young Artist of the Year at Riddu Ridđu 2010