

Composer



Ardo Ran Varres composer

Tartu, Estonia

Ardo Ran Varres is an accomplished Estonian composer, who has created music for 30 theater productions, 10 TV series and plays, 3 feature films and multiple other audio visual projects including documentaries and shorts.

Notable works include: composing the full orchestral score for the feature film **"Elavad pildid"** (Living Images 2012); and for the high-profile TV-production **"Mustad lesed"** ("The Black Widows" 2015) a primetime show for the Estonian Public Broadcaster.

Ardo Ran has created music for multiple TV and cinema commercials with his 2015 commercial for Kosmos' IMAX cinema winning a **"Golden Egg" award** at the Estonian National Advertising festival.

Bio



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Ardo Ran Varres is a composer of music for screen, stage and concerts. He studied clarinet at the Tallinn Music High School with Hans Suurväli, graduating in 1996, from the Drama School at the Estonian Academy of Music. In 2011, he obtained a **masters degree** in composition at the **Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre** under Prof. Helena Tulve.

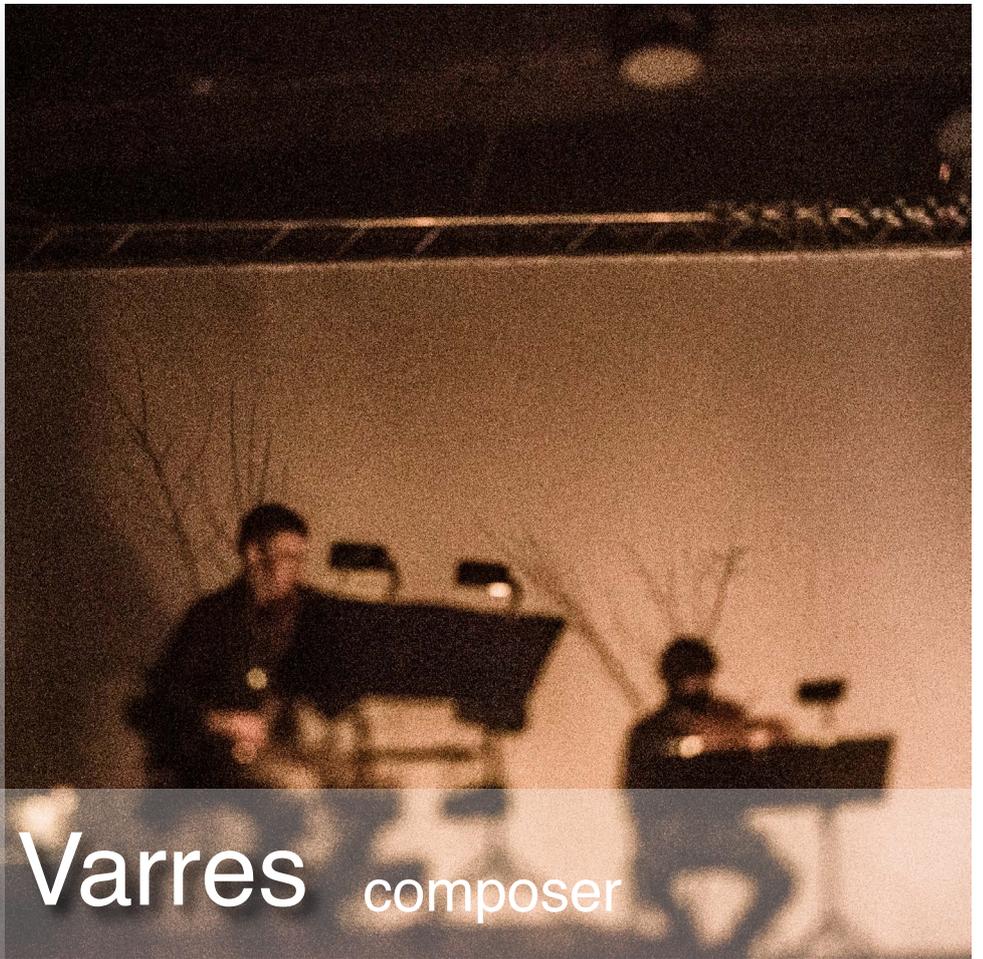
Between 1996 and 2001, Ardo Ran was an **actor at the Rakvere Theatre**, and from 2001–2003 at the **Estonian State Drama Theatre**, continuing there as its **Director of Music** from 2003–2011. Educated in both theatre and music his composing and music design is informed by his experiences in the roles of **sound engineer, musician, and actor**.

One of his strongest skills is his understanding of **dramaturgy**, transposing the director's or writer's intentions skillfully into the language of sound.

Ardo Ran's musical tastes are diverse and contemporary, his writing has delivered scores for a wide range of commissions, stretching from memorable uplifting melodies to experimental soundscapes. As well as composing for popular instruments, he takes recordings from nature and from artificial environments and digitally manipulates them to provide unique and connective material for his music.



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2016 Estonian Theatre Union **award winner for best original music** for "**Krabat**" a play performed at the Tallinn City Theatre
[Soundcloud](#) > [Linnateater Krabat](#)

Ardo Ran has also written music for **contemporary dance**, and in this field was awarded the **Special Prize** by the Estonian Theatre Union for "**Carrmen!**"(2013).
[Youtube](#) > [Ruslan Stepanov](#) > [Carrmen](#)

Drama playlist you will find on the website:

ardoranvarres.com

Piece for two pianos written for TV film "**Ma armastasin sakslast**"
[Youtube](#) > [JustSad Klaveritund](#)

Film music:

[Youtube](#) > [Ardo R. Varres showreel music for film](#)

Music created for the **Light festival:**

[Youtube](#) > [Tartu Observatoorium](#) > [Valguse festival Tõraveres](#)

Estonian Public Broadcasting morning television show "**Terevisioon**" feature music and graphics:

[Youtube](#) > [frostfxcom](#) > [Terevisioon 2009 graphics](#)

