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Tove Jansson (9 August 1914 – 27 June 2001) was a Swedish-speaking Finnish novelist, painter, illustrator and comic strip author. Jansson is most famous for her Moomin books, enjoyed by children and adults alike, and translated into 45 languages. She also held exhibitions of paintings, carried out commissions for murals, created illustrations for her own books as well as some Finnish editions of such classics as *Alice in Wonderland* and *The Hobbit*, and wrote a number of novels and collections of short stories for adults.

Tove Jansson

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Helene Schjerfbeck (10 July 1862 – 23 January 1946) was a Finnish painter, and one of Finland's most respected modernist artists. Schjerfbeck began her prolific career with French-inspired realism and outdoor painting, which gradually evolved towards simplified portraits, self-portraits, and still lifes. Due to their modern influences, her works which were mostly produced in the 1880s, did not receive a favourable reception until later in her life.

Helene Schjerfbeck

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Jean Sibelius (8 December 1865 – 20 September 1957) was a Finnish composer of the late Romantic and early modern periods. He is widely regarded as Finland's greatest composer, and he is also the most internationally known and performed Finnish composer. His national romantic music played an important role in the formation of Finland's national identity. Sibelius's most important works are his seven symphonies, the Violin Concerto, Finlandia, the Karelia Suite, The Swan of Tuonela, and Valse triste.

Jean Sibelius

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Alvar Aalto (3 February 1898 – 11 May 1976) was a Finnish architect and designer. Since the late 1950s, he has been nationally and internationally renowned as a master of architectural modernism. Aalto's numerous designs include buildings in Finland, and elsewhere in Europe and the United States. Aalto's work was inspired not only by Finnish nature and tradition, but also by the history of architecture. His work also includes furniture, textiles and glassware, as well as sculptures and paintings.

Alvar Aalto

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Aki Kaurismäki (born 4 April 1957) is a Finnish film director and screenwriter. He is best known for the films *The Man Without a Past*, *Le Havre*, and *Fallen Leaves*.

Kaurismäki's films are characterised by having very few lines, and an empathetic representation of those living outside the mainstream. His films have won several awards in Finland and abroad, including the Grand Prix and the Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival.

Aki Kaurismäki

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Akseli Gallen-Kallela (26 April 1865 – 7 March 1931) was one of Finland's most important painters. He began his career with realistic folk portraits, and moved on to romantic Kalevala and Karelian themes. In the 1890s he created important works in both symbolist and realistic styles. His most famous works include *Boy and a Crow*, *The Defense of the Sampo*, *Lemminkäinen's Mother* and *Kullervo's Curse*.

Akseli Gallen-Kallela

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Sofi Oksanen (born 7 January 1977) is a Finnish writer and playwright. Oksanen has published six novels, of which *Purge* has received the widest recognition. Her work has been translated into over 40 languages and she has won several domestic and international awards for her literary work, including the Finlandia Prize and Prix Fémina. Oksanen is actively involved in public debate in Finland and comments on current issues in the media.

Sofi Oksanen

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Tommi Korpela (born 23 August 1968) is a Finnish actor and screenwriter. Korpela has acted in numerous plays, TV shows and films since the early 1990s. He has won the Jussi Award for Best Actor three times, a feat accomplished by only two other Finnish male actors before him. Korpela is also known for his environmental activism, specialising in the conservation of migratory fish in Finland and the Saimaa ringed seal.

Tommi Korpela

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Krista Kosonen (born 28 May 1983) is a Finnish actress, working both on stage and in films and television. She has starred in such films as *The Year of The Wolf*, *Purge* and *Miami*. She has won two Jussi Awards for Best Actress in a leading role. Kosonen also has an international career, appearing in, for example, Denis Villeneuve's *Blade Runner 2049*, and in the series *Beforeigners* and *The Swarm*.

Krista Kosonen

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Katri Helena (born 17 August 1945) is one of Finland's most successful singers. Having started her career in the 1960s, Katri Helena has recorded over 480 songs, released 52 albums and compilations and sold nearly 2 million records. She has been awarded 19 gold albums, 4 platinum albums and one double platinum. Her hit songs include such evergreens as "Anna mulle tähtitaivas", "Puhelinlangat laulaa", and "Katson sineen taivaan".

Katri Helena