

KIURUVESI CULTURAL HOUSE

KIURUVESI, FINLAND

Upon reconstruction, the old school premises at Kiuruvesi were given a new life as the nation's cultural living room. The Cultural house's main hall plays host to a number of events, such as concerts, conferences, theatre productions and cinema shows. The hall's seating capacity is 316, and an exhibition space and meeting rooms complete the Cultural house's full potential of hosting a variety of events.

The main hall, Kiurusali, is frequently used for theatre productions. **Ismo Apell**, one of the men behind the provincial city theatre group *Kiuruveden maalaiskaupunkiteatteri*, commends the sound system in the hall and declares the spatial solutions as particularly appropriate for theatrical use. The hall has also been acclaimed in concert performances; the stage being large enough to fit an entire symphony orchestra. As testament to this the Kuopio Symphony Orchestra regularly puts on concerts in the Kiurusali.

According to **Tero Saatsi**, cultural secretary of Kiuruvesi, people often wonder how the reconstruction of the remains of a school building could result both acoustically and technically in such a resounding success.

Client	City of Kiuruvesi
Started	2006
Opened	2009
Project type	Reassigned purpose of use
Architect	The architectural and structural design office Rakennussuunnittelu Nylund Oy, head architect Liisa Kaksonen
Services by Akukon	acoustical and audiovisual design
Akukon's team	Principal consultants: Henrik Möller and Janne Auvinen Other team members: Timo Risku and Jaana Jokitulppo
Total cost of project	c. 5 million €



AUDIOVISUAL

ACOUSTICS

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