

POP & JAZZ CONSERVATORY LAPPIA TORNIO, FINLAND

The Pop & Jazz Conservatory Lappia in Tornio is a typical vocational college specialising in music and music technology. The combination of a concert hall, recording studio with teaching and rehearsing facilities is locally referred to as Musiikkitalo. The concert hall seats a total of 340, and is intended mainly for amplified concerts.

The head of Vocational Education in the Kemi-Tornio University of Applied Sciences, **Jussi Leipälä**, has been quite impressed with the Musiikkitalo. According to Mr. Leipälä the acoustics in each of the spaces have been implemented fully success. He points out that the sound insulation between the rooms is also particularly well executed. "Visitors from other colleges and educational institutions, from all over Finland and other Nordic countries, have come to admire our performance and educational premises", Mr. Leipälä declares.

Mr. Leipälä recalls bands who have exalted at the wonderful experience of playing in the hall. The acoustics allow each musician to hear their individual instruments with ease, while keeping the presence of the audience tangible to the performers.

Client	Kemi-Tornionlaakso Municipal Education and Training Consortium
Started	2002
Opened	2004
Project type	New construction
Architect	Architects Matti Porkka Ltd
Services by Akukon	Acoustical and audio-visual system planning
Akukon's team	Principal consultants: Henrik Möller and Mikko Joenpolvi
Total cost of project	€ 4.3 million



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