Preliminary assignment for directing 2026

All assignments must be sent on the **30th of August 2026 by 11:59 pm** to paasykokeet@kellariteatteri.fi. Use font size 12, spacing 1.5 and file format PDF on the writing assignments. The use of generative AI is strictly forbidden.

Preliminary assignment for all applicants:

How would you describe yourself as an artist? The questions below can be used to further aid in your answer.

Where does your creativity show? What facet of art is the most personal to you? What is your current situation in life, and how would you recount your evolution as an artist?

Remember to write your name in the beginning of the essay, and to name the file in the form *lastname_firstname_0.* Maximum length of the essay should be half of an A4 (a standard sheet of paper).

Evaluation criteria: The applicant's ability to show motivation and distinctive voice in writing, their ability to reflect on themself and their relationship to art. In addition, the applicant's ability to follow the assignment given.

Preliminary assignment for applicants of directing:

Anamnese (Surrealism short film) - YouTube

Create a plot-driven performance concept based on the source material provided above. Use your imagination boldly! Briefly describe in your concept what your performance is about and why. What does your performance say about the world, and what is your own perspective in relation to the themes and subjects of the performance? Also briefly explain how you would approach rehearsing the performance as a director.

The concept must include the central characters (if there are any) and the key events of the performance. **Be concrete in your thinking**; carefully consider what theatrical means are used in the performance (e.g. makeup, costumes, acting style, sound, lighting, set design, etc.) to convey the intended message.

Give your performance a title. Be prepared to explain your thinking and the choices you have made to the admissions panel later.

Write your name at the beginning of the document and name the file using the format *lastname_firstname_directing_1*. The maximum length of the assignment is one A4 page.

Evaluation criteria: The applicant's ability to express their own worldview and perspective, ability to define and narrow down a subject, ability to articulate their own artistic thinking, ability to bring their own vision concretely onto the stage, and ability to follow the assignment given.