



\* ART KINDERGARTEN KONSTI IN FINLAND, KERAVA

-Private kindergarten founded in 1995 as a co-operative kindergarten of three art institutes: the music institute *Keravan musiikkiopisto*, the dance institute *Keravan Tanssiopisto* and the institute of visual arts *Keravan Kuvataidekoulu*

-six groups: 2 groups under 3 years old, 3 groups from 3-5 years old and one group for preschool age children

-reaches around 100 families each year, approximately 120 children

-the staff of 27 professionals work in a co-operation with the parents confronting each child as an individual

-the different forms of art are taught by the art schools' teachers, but also integrated in common routines of kindergarten life

-highly educated and motivated staff plan closely the everyday schedule including all art forms innovatively, valuing the children's creativity and maintaining room for imagination and play

-Konsti -family: former and present families together with the Kindergarten staff, form a community to bring up children with good self-esteem, creative outlook on life and a feeling of belonging to the surrounding world as self-confident and influential citizens

\* TULIPAN AND TRADITIONAL FINNISH FOLK GAME "ONKO KOIRA KOTONA?" ("IS THE DOG AT HOME?")

Every group made their own way to approach this rhythm "Tulipan" and we compound our traditional folk game "Onko koira kotona?" to Tulipan rhythm. We made word and body rhythms, movement, own melody, plying, singing and games in common kindergarten life. "Onko koira kotona" - folk game is more than one hundred years old.

\*ABOUT THE PROCESS

Children under 3 years old learned to play that folk game "Onko koira kotona?" with the adult. We encouraged the children to invent where the dog is. So the adult asks and the child answers. Children also played percussions making question and answer "Is the dog at home?". The adults made their own melody and words to the Tulipan. They danced with the children in their lap and felt the pulse in three (3/8).